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Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to express my support for the joint TIGER III grant application submitted by the Port of Portland, the City of Troutdale, and the Oregon Department of Transportation. This grant application for road improvements around the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP) will significantly enhance employment, freight mobility, and community livability in the Portland, Oregon area.

TRIP is one of the largest parcels of zoned industrial property in an increasingly constrained Portland metropolitan area. It is a brownfield site that the Port of Portland and City of Troutdale are transforming into a productive, job-generating industrial district. At the same time, the Port and City are carefully designing the development to also unlock the recreational and natural habitat potential of the surrounding area.

The TIGER III grant application submitted by the Port, the City, and the Oregon Department of Transportation would complete the critical components necessary to fully develop the industrial park. The road, bicycle, pedestrian, trail, and stormwater improvements that would be funded by the TIGER III grant would open it up to additional businesses and jobs, transportation options, recreational opportunities, and natural habitat restoration. With this grant, the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park would become an even more valuable, balanced community asset.

TRIP represents the type of projects I have fought for as member of Congress. Livability, environmental stewardship, and economic development are the key components of a project that will be a strong asset to the communities east of Portland.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl Blumenauer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress