

United States Senate

June 12, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
100 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

RE: Port of Palm Beach, Florida – Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)
Grant

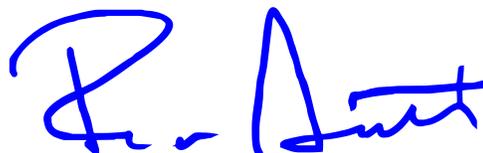
I write in support of the Port of Palm Beach's application for a PIDP Grant in the amount of \$13.2 million. According to the Port of Palm Beach, this proposal will double the current capacity of containers of the Port's intermodal rail by constructing a new intermodal rail transfer facility that will replace the current one.

According to the Port of Palm Beach, this new intermodal rail transfer facility will enhance efficiency, reliability, and safety. This project will also attract new local jobs to the area and increase local economic growth.

Due to this grant program's previously established federal appropriations, I support this request and will always fight to support Floridians. However, because of the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19, including on federal, state, and local government budgets, accountability measures should be put in place to ensure that the taxpayer money used to fund this grant program is being spent responsibly and with a clear return on investment to the American taxpayer.

I encourage you to support the Port of Palm Beach's application, subject to all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rick Scott
United States Senator