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**Luiz da Costa**

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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Secretary Chao:

*Treasurer*

**Steven Powell**

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I would like to express my strong support for the Massachusetts Port Authority's (Massport) Port Infrastructure Development Grant (PIDG) application for the Conley Terminal Container Storage and Technology Improvements project in the Port of Boston. This project will support a key part of our business supply chain and one of New England's most important economic assets, Conley Container Terminal.

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The Port of Boston is a vital transportation and economic resource that serves the shipping needs of more than 2,500 businesses across New England. The working port is home to more than 9,000 jobs and generates \$8.2 billion of annual economic impact. However, after five consecutive years of record-breaking growth, including an 8% increase in FY2019, Conley Terminal is facing mounting container storage capacity constraints. To solve this problem, Massport is proposing to optimize and rehab a vacant terminal area to increase the terminal's container storage capacity by nearly 30% and to add innovative technologies to improve safety and customer experience at the terminal. This project will allow Conley Terminal to continue to support New England's businesses in an efficient and competitive way.

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Massport's PIDG application would enable Conley Terminal to continue to support rural and urban businesses throughout New England businesses. Conley Terminal facilitates the movement of goods to New England's markets with speed and efficiency ensuring that the region's 14 million consumers have the products they need, when they need them. Additional container storage capacity and new gate technology would allow Conley to continue to grow and efficiently serve our business, by helping to get goods in the hands of consumers and boost economic growth throughout the region.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the Port of Boston.

*Sincerely,*  
*Luiz da Costa*

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