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

Dear Secretary Chao:

Attis Biofuels, an ethanol plant in Fulton, NY, strongly supports the Port of Oswego's application to the US Department of Transportation for 2020 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant funding to advance their Central New York Regional Agriculture Export Center Expansion Project.

The Port of Oswego is an important and strategically located transportation hub for raw materials and products transported into and out of the region. As the Port is currently running at capacity, providing increased efficient and cost-effective storage and import/export capabilities is vital to accommodate increasing economic activities. This project is key to the continued growth and development of the regional community and export of agricultural by products such as dried distiller grain and corn syrup internationally. Reducing pollution; reducing wear and tear on our aging highway infrastructure; creating jobs and providing a cost-effective, alternative method of transportation make this submission worthy of consideration.

For these reasons, Attis Biofuels supports the Port of Oswego's application for this important initiative. Thank you for your consideration in leveraging over \$15 million in committed local investment and supporting the Central New York Regional Agriculture Export Center Expansion Project.

Sincerely,

Tim Hardy I General Manager Attis Biofuels