

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4705

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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing in the support of Spokane International Airport's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD). These funds will be used for to build a Rail-Truck Transload Facility at Spokane International Airport.

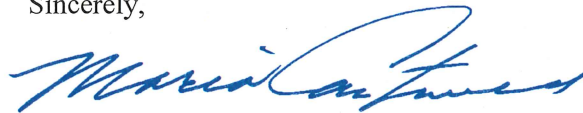
According to the Spokane International Airport, the Transload Facility will provide a multi-modal freight hub network transfer point for the West Plains area. By maximizing the cost and geographical efficiencies of multiple modes, reducing congestion and providing easy access from industrial locations and major labor centers, developing this proposed facility will lower costs and improve efficiency for shippers and manufacturers. It will also help strengthen the existing regional freight infrastructure network that includes convenient access to four interchanges off of Interstate 90 as well as the Airport's commercial and cargo air freight capabilities.

The proposed Transload Facility project will construct 1.7 miles of new track alignment, two loading tracks, and a running track equipped with all the infrastructure necessary for their operation. Phase 1 construction will also include the extension of critical water, gas, and sewer lines to the facility and the construction of new roads and fencing to provide access and security.

The project is seeking \$12 million under BUILD to complete Phase I of its development. The development of this facility is a critical step to not only support current business development, but also attract large aerospace manufacturers, logistics and warehousing firms, and manufacturing companies to the West Plains area.

Thank you for full and fair consideration of Spokane International Airport's grant application.

Sincerely,



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