Congress of the United States

Washington, **DC** 20510 May 10, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx Office of the Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

We are pleased to submit this letter in support of the Massachusetts Port Authority's (Massport) application for a FASTLANE -- Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies -- Grant for the Conley Container Terminal in the Port of Boston. Massport's proposed project would help address transportation challenges, support job growth, and leverage cutting-edge technologies at the terminal.

Massport's proposed project would ensure that the Conley Terminal, New England's only full service container terminal, is modern, efficient, and ready to handle larger container ships that will soon be arriving through the expanded Panama Canal. Improving the Conley Terminal would generate economic benefits and could help take cargo off the congested I-95 corridor, expand America's intermodal freight carrying capacity, and reduce bottlenecks at Northeast ports.

Massport's project would also create additional benefits in our local communities. The proposed investments are projected to support 2,700 jobs. Further, to accommodate increased traffic, Massport is constructing a new dedicated freight corridor, which should make it easier and more efficient for cargo to enter and exit the terminal.

We are pleased to support Massport's application and encourage you to give it full consideration. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Daniel Greene of Senator Edward J. Markey's office at (202) 224-2742 or <u>Daniel Greene@Markey.Senate.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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