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Elaine Chao
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Dear Ms Chao

I am writing to express my support for a 2019 BUILD grant for the riverfront redevelopment project in Allentown PA. First Allentown and the riverfront need it. It has gone from a thriving business, commercial area years ago to vacant lots, buildings and financially depressed neighborhoods today. The proposed waterfront plan would help revive the area culturally, economically and health wise.

My own situation is that of a business owner that conducts trips and outings on the D&L National Heritage Trail and the Lehigh river. Last year we employed over 500 seasonal workers. Completion of the trail section threw Allentown would enable us to bring more guests thru and expand our overnight stays on multiday tours. A waterfront development would provide the restaurants and services we need to conduct and expand our trips and business. Our business interest aside I honestly feel it would be an excellent use of tax payers money, beneficial in many ways to a lot of different people.

Thank you

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