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FREIGHT STAKEHOLDERS COALITION

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The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
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Dear Secretary Mineta,

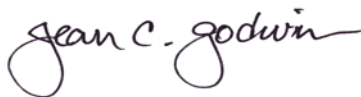
The Freight Stakeholders Coalition applauds the Department on the development of a Framework for a National Freight Policy. We appreciate your leadership and the continued interest of you and your staff in freight mobility issues in the United States.

We believe that the Framework provides an excellent starting point for discussion on a number of different issues and factors that could help address congestion in the logistics chain. Our coalition is particularly interested in working with the Department to develop and pursue tactics under Objective 1, "Improve the operations of the existing freight transportation system," Objective 2, "Add physical capacity to the freight transportation system in places where investment makes economic sense," and Objective 5, "Proactively identify and address emerging transportation needs." Many of our organizations also feel that Objective 4, "Reduce or remove statutory, regulatory, and institutional barriers to improved freight transportation performance," is important as well.

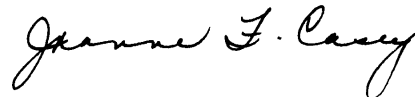
The Framework correctly notes that effective policy solutions will require coordinated and collaborative action by both public and private parties. We appreciate the outreach that has been done by the Department to date and our ability to provide input into the development of the Framework.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of freight transportation. We look forward to working with you and others at the DOT on this and other matters into the future.

Very truly yours,



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