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May 14, 2020

Mrs. Elaine Chao  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) has requested that the Tulsa District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CESWT) provide you with a letter in support of ODOT's construction of mooring structures on the Oklahoma segment of the MKARNS.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does not provide letters supporting projects for which it is not an active/direct participant. However, I can say that construction of mooring structures on the MKARNS and the resulting enhancement of commercial maritime traffic on that waterway would directly and positively impact CESWT's core Navigation mission for support and improvement of commercial navigation on the MKARNS.

ODOT's application for, and use of, U.S. Department of Transportation funding to enhance commercial navigation on the MKARNS would be in synergy with CESWT's navigation mission and would enhance CESWT's ability to succeed in that mission.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Navigation Project Manager, Rodney Beard at 918-775-4475 ext. 5890.

Sincerely,

//s//  
Rodney K. Beard  
Navigation Project Manager