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Mr. Sam A. Joumblat, Executive Director
ICTF Joint Powers Authority
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Subject: Support for ICTF Modernization and Expansion Project

Dear Mr. Joumblat:

The purpose of this letter is to express the support of the Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for the ICTF Modernization Project. It is our understanding that Union Pacific Railroad would provide nearly \$400 million of its own funds for this project to increase the capacity of moving freight by rail, while reducing environmental impacts. We completely support moving more freight by rail because that, in itself, will reduce the impacts on the already-over burdened freeways in our region. And because we know that trains require less fuel to transport freight than trucks use, we know that more trains mean more efficient use of fuel.

The ICTF Modernization Project offers environmental benefits, which we fully support, particularly the proposed electric powered cranes that will replace all diesel powered cranes. All diesel powered yard equipment will also be replaced with clean electric powered equipment. Our members and their families who live and work in the area will benefit from the expected 75% reduction in ICTF site-related diesel particulate matter that will result from modernizing the ICTF. This project needs to move forward as soon as possible!

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for this project. We believe the environmental benefits it offers to our region will help improve our air quality, while the economic benefits of increased infrastructure allowing more freight movement will extend all across this nation.

Sincerely

Sandy Cajas
President & CEO

