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NEIL RISER
State Representative ~ District 20

December 5, 2025

La. Economic Development
P.O. Box 94185
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Re: Columbia Port Commission
FastSite Program application

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing on behalf of Columbia Port Commission, P.O. Box 367, Columbia, LA 71418 and their application to Louisiana Economic Development (LED) FastSite Program. This funding will assist the Columbia Port Commission to close a funding gap for construction of their industrial rail spur. This rail spur is essential to this project.

I understand that the Columbia Port Commission has been awarded \$5 million from LaDOTD's Port Priority Program and \$1 million from the Delta Regional Authority, all designated for rail construction. However, due to delays in Priority 5 Capital Outlay funds this project is in jeopardy of moving forward. This program will assist in moving the project forward. Completion of the rail spur is critical to serving existing tenants—Louisiana Green Fuels, Terral River Service, and regional agricultural and timber industries and to strengthening the Port's ability to attract new industry requiring certified, rail-served sites.

Please note that I fully support this application for assistance thru LED FastSite. I certainly feel that this project is worthy of approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Riser", written over a horizontal line.

Neil Riser
State Senator
District 32

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cc: Port of Columbia, Greg Richardson Director