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Paul N. Jaenichen, Sr.
Maritime Administrator

U.S. Department of Transportation - MARAD
West Building
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Jaenichen:

I write to support the Philadelphia/Canaveral Marine Highway Designation application. The Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, Port Canaveral and Columbia Coastal Transport, LLC, are submitting an application to the United States Maritime Administration (MARAD) for designation of a containerized tug barge service between the Port of Philadelphia and Port Canaveral.

Establishing a marine highway between Philadelphia and Canaveral would provide a multitude of opportunities and benefits to the local port communities. As the Department of Transportation notes in its report, *Beyond Traffic*, U.S. freight volumes are expected to increase 45 percent by the year 2045. To avoid future – and reduce current – freight chokepoints, service options must be explored. A marine highway service stands to reduce truck traffic along congested interstates and roadways, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy and enhance safety.

I hope you will favorably consider this application, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Elaine Nettle
Executive Director
Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors

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