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Mr. Paul N. Jaenichen, Sr.  
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Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Marine Highway Project Designation - Letter of Support  
Philadelphia/Canaveral Marine Highway Service along M-95 Corridor  
Maritime Administration 46 CFR Part 393 - Docket No. MARAD-2010-0035 RIN 2133-  
AB70 – Final Rule

Dear Mr. Jaenichen:

We would like to express our support for 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.

The establishment of a marine highway between Philadelphia and Canaveral would provide a multitude of opportunities and benefits to the local port community. Significant growth in freight volumes are anticipated in the coming years. A marine highway service would reduce truck traffic along congested interstates and roadways, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy and enhance safety.

As the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Philadelphia region, we look forward to working with the service partners to see this project come to fruition. Thank you for your consideration in awarding a Marine Highway designation to the Philadelphia/Canaveral service.

Sincerely,

Barry Seymour  
Executive Director

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