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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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 designation of Marine Highways that include Florida ports and waterways.

The establishment of a marine highway linking Florida ports with other US east coast ports could provide a multitude of opportunities and benefits to Florida's port communities. Significant growth in freight volumes are anticipated in the coming years. A marine highway service could reduce truck traffic along congested interstates and roadways, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy and enhance safety.

The Florida Department of Transportation believes Marine Highways can be a productive component of multi-modal transportation networks, offering users alternative choices for their supply-chains.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Boxold  
Secretary