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RE: Marine Highway Project Designation - Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Jaenichen,

I would like to express my strong support for the Philadelphia/Canaveral Marine Highway Designation application. This application is being submitted by the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, Port Canaveral, and Columbia Coastal Transport, LLC, 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.

Should the designation be awarded, we fully intend to work with the project partners to further develop transportation services and infrastructure requirements to see the Philadelphia/Canaveral service become a feasible marine highway option.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter of support, and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ritch Workman

State Representative, District 52