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President
13th District

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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 Mr. Jaenichen,

I would like to express my 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 the 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.

Again, I would like to reiterate my support for the port's application to the MARAD. If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 407-428-5800.

Sincerely,


Andy Gardiner
President of the Senate

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