



June 20, 2016

Paul N. Jaenichen, Sr.  
Maritime Administrator  
U.S. Department of Transportation - MARAD  
West Building  
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,

GT USA would like to express our strong support for the Philadelphia/Canaveral Marine Highway Designation application. The Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, Canaveral Port Authority 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 communities. 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, GT USA fully intends 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Richards'.

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