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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,

The Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization, the federally designated multi-modal transportation planning body for Brevard, County Florida, would like to express our strong 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.

The Space Coast TPO stands ready to assist Port Canaveral in meeting the requirements for designation and implementation of a Marine Highway Designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Kamm", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Robert Kamm  
Executive Director