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Subject: Marine Highway Project Designation of Philadelphia-Canaveral Direct Service along the M-95 Marine Highway Corridor

Dear Mr. Jones:

I was pleased to learn that the Canaveral Port Authority is partnering with the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority and Columbia Coastal in submitting an application to receive designation for a containerized tug barge service between the Port of Philadelphia and Port Canaveral as a Marine Highway Project under the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) America's Marine Highway (AMH) Program.

From what I have been told the growing receptivity to short sea shipping services in the U.S. is due, in part, to a need for more cost effective and more sustainable freight transportation, but also to MARAD's AMH Program that encourages the use of and investment in our waterways as a transportation resource. It is my understanding that a marine highway service between Philadelphia and Port Canaveral takes advantage of these waterways and each port's available waterfront facilities to provide environmentally sustainable and material benefits to the communities and citizens located along the I-95 corridor.

Thank you in advance for giving your full and fair consideration under the law to this request for Marine Highway Project designation.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Posey
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