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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington D.C. 20590

RE: Pier-96 Rehabilitation to Support Port Efficiency and Resiliency (PRoSPER)

April 29, 2024

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I would like to express my support for the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's (PhilaPort) Pier-96 Rehabilitation to Support Port Efficiency and Resiliency (PRoSPER) INFRA Grant Application. If awarded, the funding will be utilized to rehabilitate and repurpose Pier-96, a strategically located seven-acre finger pier constructed in 1918.

Pier-96 lies just north of PhilaPort's main container terminal, the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal (PAMT), at the intersection of East Oregon and Delaware Avenues. With a residential neighborhood located less than a mile away, available real estate in the area is scarce and has forced the port to identify creative solutions to increase acreage in support of port growth.

By rehabilitating Pier-96, the port will gain capacity to accommodate the storage of 119 container chassis and create 417 parking spots for employees — freeing up valuable lay down space for cargo. Creating additional parking spots will also free up two lanes to access PAMT and other port facilities, increasing efficiency and reducing traffic congestion. As part of the project, shuttle service will be implemented to safely transport terminal employees to and from their workstations, thereby reducing vehicle emissions and removing personal vehicles from port roadways.

In addition to capacity and safety enhancements, the project will also include electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, new guardrails, deck drains, and high mast lighting. Restoring Pier-96 to a level of resiliency and functional use will not only improve terminal efficiency at PAMT but will make best use of this aging yet critically important asset. I ask that you give full and fair consideration to this application.

Sincerely,



Mary Gay Scanlon
Member of Congress