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May 27, 2026

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington D.C. 20590

RE: Tioga Marine Terminal Liquid Bulk Berth Enhancement Project

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's (PhilaPort) application for \$30.3 million through the FY 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP).

This funding will support the Tioga Marine Terminal Liquid Bulk Berth Enhancement Project, a \$37.9 million investment and a key priority in PhilaPort's *Destination 2040* Strategic Plan. The project will rehabilitate and strengthen Berth 1 at the Tioga Liquid Bulk Terminal, a critical facility supporting regional energy, chemical, and industrial supply chains.

The improvements will allow the berth to accommodate heavier equipment and expanded vessel activity, while maintaining existing liquid bulk operations. This is essential to Kinder Morgan, the terminal's primary tenant, whose adjacent tank farm supports the movement and storage of commodities vital to the regional economy.

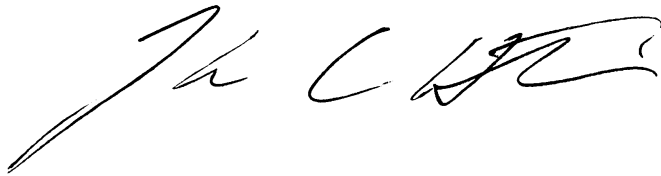
The project will also increase flexibility for breakbulk cargo, benefiting Delaware River Stevedores and the nearby Tioga II warehouse. By enabling more efficient cargo transfers, including direct discharge to the 90,000-square-foot on-dock warehouse, the project will reduce truck trips, lower emissions, and improve freight efficiency within the port.

Currently, the berth has deteriorated and requires rehabilitation to maintain safe operations. These upgrades will extend its useful life, support future growth, and attract additional private investment.

Overall, the project will strengthen supply chain reliability, improve freight movement, reduce congestion, and support family-sustaining jobs while reinforcing Philadelphia's role as a key gateway for commerce.

I strongly support PhilaPort's FY26 PIDP application and respectfully urge your consideration.

In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. C. Hohenstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

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