



June 1, 2025

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority's (PhilaPort) application for \$30.3 million in funding from the FY26 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) discretionary grant program.

The Tioga Marine Terminal Berth Enhancement Project will deliver critical structural upgrades to Berth 1 at the Tioga Marine Terminal. These improvements include the installation of new steel piles designed to support increased lateral and vertical loads, allowing the 730-foot berth to handle heavier equipment and offer greater operational flexibility. The investment will enable conventional breakbulk vessels to berth at this renewed dock with the upgraded wharf capable of servicing ships up to 470 feet in length overall (LOA).

This project is essential for Delaware River Stevedores (DRS), the terminal operator at Tioga Marine Terminal, which plays a pivotal role in managing cargo operations at this vital port facility. The planned enhancements will strengthen DRS's ability to meet growing demand, improve vessel turnaround times, and maximize the utility of the existing 90,000 sq/ft on-dock warehouse.

The Tioga Marine Terminal Berth Enhancement Project is poised to drive economic growth, attract additional private investment, strengthen supply chain reliability, and expedite the movement of goods throughout the region. It will also improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the broader transportation network.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and for your continued support of infrastructure improvements that benefit our ports and the communities they serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew R. Sentyz', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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