

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 1, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PhilaPort) to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program. The requested funding is necessary to support PhilaPort's "Tioga Marine Terminal Liquid Bulk Berth Enhancement" project, which will implement structural upgrades to Berth 1 at the Tioga Liquid Bulk Terminal.

The terminal's existing berth infrastructure has deteriorated significantly. Immediate rehabilitation of the terminal is required to maintain safe operations. This rehabilitation will include the installation of new steel piles to support both lateral and vertical loads, as well as capacity improvements to accommodate heavier equipment and expanded vessel activity.

This project is essential for PhilaPort's primary tenant, Kinder Morgan, whose adjacent tank farm supports the movement and storage of commodities vital to the region's economy. The project will also increase flexibility for breakbulk cargo transfers, benefiting neighboring tenant Delaware River Stevedores and the nearby 90,000-square-foot Tioga II warehouse. If funded, I'm confident that these improvements will strengthen supply chain reliability, reduce congestion, and improve freight efficiency at the port and across the region.

I urge you to give the application full and fair consideration. Feel free to contact my office at (202) 224-4254 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Fetterman", written in a cursive style.

John Fetterman
United States Senator