

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Department of Transportation, US Maritime Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing to you to express my strong support for the Port of Philadelphia's (PhilaPort) application for funding through the US Maritime Administration's (MARAD) 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP).

Located in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, PhilaPort seeks funding in the amount of \$30,300,000 for the Tioga Marine Terminal Liquid Bulk Berth Enhancement Project (the Project). The Project will rehabilitate and strengthen Berth 1 at the Tioga Liquid Bulk Terminal by improving the existing facilities to handle liquid bulk as well as breakbulk cargo, including forest products. In addition, improvements will rehabilitate the existing infrastructure and extend the useful life by an estimated fifty years.

The Project will improve operations by decreasing cargo transfers between vessels and storage facilities, which will decrease truck traffic throughout the port district. In addition, the proposed improvements will draw in private investment and support future growth. The Project will support family-sustaining jobs, facilitate regional commerce, minimize impact on local neighborhoods and roadways, support regional economic growth, and reinforce Philadelphia's role as a domestic and international trade hub.

I strongly urge the Department of Transportation to give this application full and favorable consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



David H. McCormick
United States Senator

Thank you!

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