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Secretary Pete Buttigieg

U.S. Department of Transportation

1200 New Jewrsey Avenue, S.E.

Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to support the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority's Port Infrastructure Development Program Application to be considered for the Small Project at Small Ports Grant Program. This grant, if received, would be used to fund their Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project.

The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority is already vitally important to the region economically and will become even more so when this expansion is completed. The Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project will have a positive economic impact on the four-state region and addresses several critical needs related to aging infrastructure and equipment. Although we in Illinois, we share the lower Ohio River with Kentucky and fully support regional, interstate cooperation. Consequently, we urge you to award this grant to the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you require more information, I may be reached at the above mailing address, via email rphilly33@gmail.com, Telephone 618-564-2351 or mobile 618-638 2086.

Sincerely,

Rance Phillips, Brookport Mayor