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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority's Port Infrastructure Development Program application to be considered for the Small Project at Small Ports grant program. The grant will fund their Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project which will impact a four-state region and address several critical needs related to aging infrastructure and equipment.

This project is important to the region as the Riverport is geographically convenient to move goods and materials to various initiatives. Specific to construction, it currently supports several projects such as I-24 reconstruction and the Army Corps of Engineers' Kentucky Lock Addition Project. As additional projects gain funding support, it is anticipated that the Paducah McCracken County Riverport will become an even more integral part of logistics for this area.

Furthermore, this project will improve the competitive advantage of the Riverport by improving its ability to increase efficiencies of moving commodities through the system. This advantage will ultimately provide a reduction in cost to transport goods and increase the ability to reliably supply materials for projects.

Thank you for your consideration of Paducah-McCracken County Riverport's application. Please contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Beth Imes".

Mary Beth Imes  
State Representative  
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