



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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Paducah (Kentucky) Area Chamber of Commerce and its approximately 900 member businesses, we are writing to inform you of our support of the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority's Port Infrastructure Development Program application. This is a top federal priority for our community, and we ask for your consideration for it to be included for the Small Project in the Small Ports grant program. This grant will be put to the best of use by funding their much-needed Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project.

The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport is important to the region as their location is geographically convenient to move goods and materials to various initiatives. The Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project will impact a four-state region and addresses several critical needs related to aging infrastructure and equipment. Specific to construction, they currently support 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 us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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