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

I am writing to inform you of my support for Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority's Port Infrastructure Development Program application to be considered for the Small Project at Small Ports grant program, where the grant will fund their Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project.

The Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project will impact a four-state region and addresses several critical needs related to aging infrastructure and equipment. The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport is important to the region as their location is geographically convenient to move goods and materials to various initiatives. 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 don't hesitate to contact my office with any questions.

Respectfully,



Senator John Stevens
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