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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority is submitting a Port Infrastructure Development Program application to be considered for the Small Project at Small Ports grant program. This grant will be utilized to fund our Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project which will impact over thirty counties in a four-state region while addressing several critical needs related to aging infrastructure and equipment.

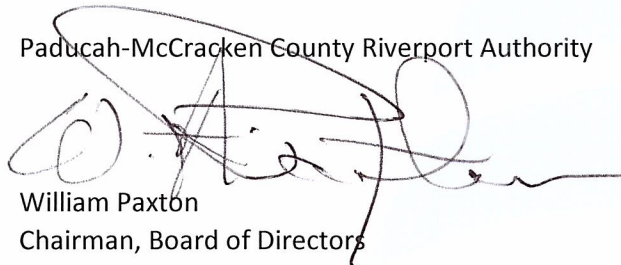
This project is important to the region as the Port is geographically convenient solution to move goods and materials to support local agriculture, manufacturing, construction, and other various initiatives. Specific to construction, we currently support several projects such as I-24 reconstruction and 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 the logistics for this area.

In efforts of pursuing funding for this grant opportunity, we are committed to providing a \$160,000 match contribution towards this project along with the manpower and other resources required to successfully complete the grant requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our application. Please contact me at 270-519-8406, or by email at [billpaxton45@gmail.com](mailto:billpaxton45@gmail.com) with any questions.

Sincerely

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