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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

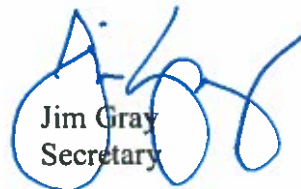
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority has applied for a Small Project at Small Ports grant through the Port Infrastructure Development Program in pursuit of funding for their Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project. I am writing to inform of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's full support for their application.

The Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project will contribute to the economic vitality of the region and will address several critical needs related to aging infrastructure and equipment that have reached their end-of-life cycle. The Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority has spent significant time working with community business partners, equipment suppliers and professional service firms to conduct a thorough review of existing equipment and facilities, and the Bulk Yard Revitalization and Expansion Project is a result of their efforts. By awarding this grant, the USDOT would sustain existing businesses and provide an opportunity for much-needed growth in the Western Kentucky region and along its extensive river network.

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

Sincerely,



Jim Gray
Secretary