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

Dear Mr. Buttigieg:

I am writing to inform you of my full support of the Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant application submitted by the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority in an effort to obtain funding for its 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 for local agriculture, manufacturing, construction and to other various initiatives. Specific to construction, they currently support several projects such as I-24 reconstruction, Smithland Bridge 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 this application. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can provide any additional details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Howell".

Jason Howell  
State Senator

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