

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 30, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority regarding their application for funding through the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) administered by the Maritime Administration in the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The PIDP grant will enable the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority to implement its Bulk Yard Infrastructure Revitalization and Expansion Project, which will modernize port operations, enhance intermodal and inland waterways freight shipping, secure U.S. supply chains across multiple industries, and promote economic growth throughout the region.

The planned Small Project at Small Ports project will improve the Paducah-McCracken Riverport's capacity to handle bulk commodities and raw materials efficiently and effectively through cargo handling equipment upgrades and other physical infrastructure improvements. Accordingly, because this PIDP grant project—a rural project in an Area of Persistent Poverty—will no doubt aid further economic development throughout the region, I believe the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority's application deserves full and fair consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Upon the completion of this process, please contact Adam Salmon on my staff at (202) 228-0112, or by facsimile at (202) 228-3796.

Sincerely,



Rand Paul, M.D.  
United States Senator