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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my support for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) with Muskogee City-County Port Authority and the City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority's application for the Port Infrastructure Development Program. If awarded, this funding will replace six dolphin structures at the Tulsa Port of Catoosa, and twenty structures at Port Muskogee in addition to the construction of two new structures to support an alternative fueling project.

These projects are necessary to address critical port priorities that increase safety and ensure supply chain resiliency. The McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Barge Safety & Efficiency Improvement Project will replace outdated anchors by constructing new mooring structures in two crucial Oklahoma waterways. Additionally, the modernized mooring infrastructure will allow for a safe harbor for mariners and increase the reliability of structures in the event of a flood.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our Tulsa office at 918-921-8520. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

God Bless,

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