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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to request full and fair consideration for the Port of Oakland's application to the United States Department of Transportation's (DOT) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) competitive grant for the Outer Harbor Terminal Redevelopment Project, Phase I.

I understand the \$37 million federal funding request for this \$49 million project supports the redevelopment of approximately 26 acres of its Outer Harbor Terminal area. I am told the redevelopment would include new pavement to support stacking operations, additional refrigeration plug racks, new LED high mast lighting, battery storage and other substation improvements, equipment charging stations, and natural vegetative bioswales to address drainage.

The project would expand the Port's use of plug-in refrigerated containers and move away from diesel powered generators powering current equipment. I am told this will enable the port to implement and advance important components of the Port's Seaport Air Quality 2020 and Beyond Plan which seeks to reduce the emissions impact from its activities and transition into zero and near-zero emissions cargo operations and supports the region's climate change and environmental justice goals.

This project will also support agricultural businesses by providing hundreds of new storage and staging areas for perishable products, which will greatly benefit family farmers and other growers from my district and our region who are sending their products to the port.

I fully support this effort to improve the efficiency of seaport operations, promote sustainable transportation initiatives, and promote the restoration of export cargo activity for the benefit of the agricultural community in California and throughout the nation, and ask that you give it full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress