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Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: BNSF Letter of Support – Powering Progress; Electrifications of Materials and Equipment  
Transport at the Port of Oakland

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

BNSF Railway supports efforts by the Port of Oakland, California to secure federal discretionary funding under the 2023 Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities program for the Powering Progress; Electrifications of Materials and Equipment Transport at the Port of Oakland project. If awarded, the project will replace existing diesel vehicles with electric vehicles and install associated electric chargers.

These proposed improvements will help provide congestion relief and help reduce airborne particulate matter in the Port of Oakland area.

BNSF values our working relationship with Port of Oakland and is prepared to work with all involved public agencies on further development of this project, subject to satisfactory review of final engineering and entering into definitive agreements as may be required by BNSF or other project stakeholders.

BNSF appreciates your thorough review of this application and looks forward to continuing its relationship with the Port of Oakland through this important project.

Sincerely,

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