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May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), I am writing to express our support for the Port of Oakland (Port)'s FY24 United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) application.

GO-Biz serves as the State of California's leader for job growth and economic development, and we work directly with our ports given the important role they play in our state and national economies. This has only increased, as California has faced immense pressures following years of record-setting volumes across our ports, rail, and highways, driven by the unprecedented demand across North America.

The Port is one of three principal gateways for containerized cargo on the West Coast of the United States, and serves as the primary export gateway for agricultural products from California's Central Valley which supports the economy of the rural farming sector. The Port is also one of the eighteen federally designated national commercial strategic seaports as part of the National Port Readiness Network. To strengthen and sustainably maintain these key roles, the Port is working to repair dilapidated marine terminal infrastructure; make improvements to accommodate ultra large container vessels (ULCV), capable of handling up to 24,000 TEUs, at its deep-water berths; and modernize its assets while furthering its commitment to reduce emissions and other potential adverse effects on the environment and surrounding communities.

The Port has thoughtfully designed this project with multiple components at different marine terminals to prove that our nation can move goods more cleanly, efficiently, and reliably than standard operations without impacting cargo volumes, the workforce, or vulnerable communities. This project ensures long-term efficiency,

productivity, and flexibility of Port operations, preserve the Port's as an important export gateway for California producers, provide needed critical improvements to accommodate ultra large container vessels (ULCV) which will result in emissions, safety, and economic benefits, and maintain the readiness of the Port to support force deployment during contingencies and other national defense emergencies as part of the National Port Readiness Network.

GO-Biz believes the Project is well-matched to USDOT's PIDP objectives to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of cargo movement while advancing our climate and development goals. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our enthusiastic support for this project, and we appreciate your consideration of this application. Should you have any questions regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact Trelynd Bradley at (916) 882-4352.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trelynd Bradley', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes three dots at the end.

Trelynd Bradley,  
Deputy Director, Office of Supply Chain  
California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)