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

**RE: Port of Oakland’s Port Infrastructure Development Project (PIDP) Proposal**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I wish to express my strong support for the Port of Oakland’s application to the United States Department of Transportation’s (USDOT) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) competitive grant program for the Outer Harbor Terminal Redevelopment Project, Phase I.

The \$37 million federal funding request for this \$49 million project supports the redevelopment of approximately 26 acres of its Outer Harbor Terminal area. 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. While advancing toward our goal of near-zero emissions operations at the port, this project will also greatly support agricultural business by providing hundreds of new storage and staging areas for perishable products.

The project will greatly improve the efficiency of seaport operations, promote sustainable transportation initiatives, and support the restoration of export cargo activity for the benefit of the agricultural community in California and throughout the nation. This project also implements and advances 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.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Libby Schaaf".

Libby Schaaf  
Mayor of Oakland