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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,


I write in support of the Port of Oakland's application for \$11 million in funding from the Port Infrastructure Development Program to improve its utility infrastructure and expand zero-emissions vehicles and freight equipment throughout the port.

The requested funding will support the replacement of a 1950s-era substation with a modern 12-megawatt substation that will integrate renewable power sources including a fuel cell, solar generation and storage, and a biomass-powered generator at a nearby public wastewater treatment plant. These efforts are part of the Port of Oakland's ongoing commitment to electrify its heavy-duty truck fleet and cargo-handling equipment which will reduce emissions and improve air quality for residents throughout the Bay Area. The substation will also improve reliability not only for the port but also the local community by supplying power when the grid is down which is increasingly a concern due to by extreme heat and wildfires.

The Port of Oakland has worked extensively with local governments and community stakeholders to reduce its emissions to meet California's ambitious climate goals and improve regional air quality. Heavy-duty electric vehicle charging infrastructure was identified as a top near-term priority to meet these goals, and this grant will support these critical efforts.

I urge you to give the Port of Oakland's application your full and fair consideration according to all applicable laws and regulations. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my important request.

Most gratefully,


Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress