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

RE: Port of Oakland's 2024 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) 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) for the Outer Harbor Terminal: Modernizing Wharf Infrastructure for Efficiency and Safety Project. With the support of the \$49.5 million grant funding request for this \$66 million project, the federal government can partner to revitalize an underutilized marine terminal and maintain the Port of Oakland as an import and export gateway for California goods. The Port of Oakland is the fourth busiest container port on the U.S. West Coast and is the only deep-draft container port in Northern California. The Port of Oakland handles more than 99% of the containerized goods for Northern California.

This project involves wharf strengthening and needed structural repairs including upgrading crane girders, adding support piles, strengthening support beams, replacing crane rails, and removing the old electrical bus bar system and replacing it with a more reliable and safer cable reel system at Berths 24-26. These needed improvements would accommodate larger ship-to-shore cranes required to seamlessly load and unload the ultra large container vessels calling on today's ports. Repairing and upgrading the existing wharf infrastructure will allow the Outer Harbor Terminal to be placed back into productive use as a marine terminal with the overarching goal of improving the efficiency of moving cargo in/out of the Port, accommodating larger vessels and the associated efficiency benefits of larger ships, and ensuring resiliency of the California supply chain.

We greatly appreciate the United States Department of Transportation's consideration of the requested investment in this project, as it supports the continued competitiveness of a critical export gateway for our nation's agricultural shippers. We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Keith Carson, President
Supervisor, Fifth District