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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20509

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to support Port Milwaukee's (Port) application for Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding through the Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration. If awarded, funding will support the Port and project partner The DeLong Co., Inc.'s proposal for the construction of Phase 2 of the Agriculture Maritime Export Facility (AMEF), located within the Port of Milwaukee.

Phase 1 of the AMEF currently includes rail and truck receiving areas connected to a single conveyance system for the movement of Distillers' Dried Grains with Solubles (DDGS) into a flat storage building. It is expected that the facility will receive between 1,500 to 3,000 train cars annually to be unloaded in the receiving building. Inside the flat storage building, a reclaim system will relocate stored DDGS and convey them for loading into the covered bulk material cargo vessel. Funded in part by a PIDP award in 2020, final completion of Phase 1 is expected in May 2023 with operations to begin at that time.

With awarded funding, the Phase 2 addition of two grain silos and the associated handling equipment will allow the facility to receive multiple commodities at a single time, as well as load multiple commodities on a single vessel in an efficient manner. Additionally, the Phase 2 addition will allow producers to deliver to the AMEF uninterrupted, resulting in more effective vessel loading and the reduction of vessel demurrage and detention.

I strongly support proposals that invest in our infrastructure and benefit our economy. For this reason, I respectfully request that full and fair consideration be given to Port Milwaukee's PIDP application. Please keep my office updated on the progress of this application by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator