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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The CN is writing today in support of the Mobile Airport Authority (MAA) and the Alabama State Port Authority's (ASPA) joint application for the Transportation Demonstration Program grant authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. This grant seeks to expand intermodal and multimodal freight and passenger transportation infrastructure to streamline connections between aviation, maritime, rail and highway networks. Modern multimodal transportation investments reduce air and sea user costs and improve the region's competitive posture in business retention, expansion, and recruitment.

The CN is a leading North American railroad, which helps serve as the backbone of the U.S. economy. Our unique 20,000 mile network is the one railroad on the continent that reaches the Pacific, the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico. Our railroad provides both freight and container intermodal service at the Port of Mobile, through the Alabama State Port Authority Terminal Railway's switching and terminal yards, as well as their Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) at Garrows Bend. The CN's merchandise and container intermodal services increase supply chain efficiency and provides shippers a greater reach into key US markets via the Port of Mobile

CN recognizes a successfully funded MAA/ ASPA development program leverages publicly owned deep-water seaport and air cargo terminals, rail networks servicing all of North America, and two U.S. Interstate systems to modernize existing intermodal and multimodal infrastructures to increase supply chain efficiency, create jobs, reduce congestion, and improve safety. The Port of Mobile is a fast growth gateway for international trade with one of the nation's best inland transportation networks.

With added investment, this fast growth gateway can provide shippers and logistics-based industries with new efficient and cost competitive transportation solutions. We respectfully request that US Department of Transportation award this important grant to the city/state partnership at the Port of Mobile.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Reilly', is written over the typed name.

Rob Reilly