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Washington, DC 20515-0103**

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

ATTN: Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

With this letter, I am lending my support to the Alabama State Port Authority's (ASPA) request for \$6,159,850 from the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration's PIDP Grant Program. If granted, the funding will be used to complete Pier D2 at the Port of Mobile, and the Alabama Port Authority is willing and able to provide up to a 50% match.

Finishing Pier D2 will support the Alabama Port Authority's long-term, strategic efforts to invest in and build out all their facilities, ensuring the highest and best use of the State's assets.

Due to the rapid growth of the Port and industries in our state, such as automotive, that require steel, this project is crucial to maintaining operational fluidity at the Port. The rehabilitated pier will support supply chains for automotive manufacturing, industrial construction, and infrastructure development, and many other industries that rely on steel. As a result, we expect the project to deliver and support even more jobs for the State of Alabama.

The Port operates in geographically limited areas bordered by low-income communities, downtown entertainment districts, business districts, federal interstate systems, and a vast network of railway infrastructure. According to a 2021 economic impact study, The Port of Mobile is responsible for \$85 billion in annual economic impact statewide, generating 312,896 jobs across Alabama.

The Alabama Port Authority serves all 67 counties in Alabama and oversees the deep-water public port facilities at the Port of Mobile. In addition to interstate, air, and rail, the Port Authority's container, general cargo, and bulk facilities have immediate access to nearly 15,000 miles of inland waterways. Once the channel deepening and widening project is completed in early 2025, the Port of Mobile will be the deepest container terminal in the Gulf of Mexico.

With the Port's vast assets and rapid growth in mind, we support this grant funding for the completion of Pier D2 as an investment in the Port of Mobile to support Alabama's steel industry.

My office has enjoyed a long-standing partnership with the Alabama State Port Authority and supports its efforts to continue to improve our state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike D. Rogers".

Mike D. Rogers, Member of Congress

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