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Secretary Pete Buttigieg U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

It is my pleasure to write in support of the Alabama State Port Authority's request for \$6,159,850 from the Department of Transportation Maritime Administration's PIDP Grant Program. It is my understanding this funding will be used to complete Pier D2 connecting it to Pier E at the Port of Mobile. Additionally, this funding will make Pier E more efficient and increase capacity if the approximately 200 linear feet of Pier D2 were to connect to Pier E.

The project will include the removal of the existing retaining walls, relocating the existing retaining wall land side of the new dock structure, and constructing approximately 203 linear feet of a new dock. Finishing Pier D2 will support the Alabama State Port Authority's strategic efforts to fortify their facilities. Due to the rapid growth of the Port and the industries in our state, this project is crucial to maintaining operational progress at the Port. The future pier will support supply chains for automotive manufacturing, industrial construction, infrastructure development, and many other industries. As a result, it is expected the project will deliver and support even more jobs in the State of Alabama. 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 State Port Authority serves all 67 counties in the state of Alabama and oversees the deepwater public port facilities at the Port of Mobile. With the Port's influential assets and rapid growth, I fully support the completion of Pier D2 as an investment in the Port of Mobile to support Alabama's industry.

I am proud of the Alabama State Port Authority, and glad to support their application. Please accept my wholehearted support for their grant application. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Samantha Barnett on my staff at (<u>Samantha.Barnett@mail.house.gov</u>).

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Barry Moore Member of Congress