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

Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips  
Maritime Administrator  
Maritime Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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RE: Duluth Seaway Port Authority Grant Application - MARAD Port Infrastructure Development

Dear Secretary Buttigieg and Rear Admiral Phillips:

On behalf of the City of Superior, I am pleased to provide a letter of support for the Duluth Seaway Port Authority's (DSPA) application for \$30M in funding through the Port Infrastructure Development Program to help fund the 2023 Duluth Port Intermodal Terminal Expansion project.

The Port of Duluth-Superior is in the top 20 ports in the U.S. by tonnage and is the largest port in the Great Lakes. DSPA owns and operates the Clure Public Marine Terminal and provides a range of flexible, full-service options, including warehousing, cargo handling, and trans-loading services. This project will increase capacity and help to meet the pent-up demand for these services. The 2023 Duluth Port Intermodal Terminal Expansion project includes the construction of 100,000 square feet of warehouse space, the demolition of dilapidated former grain elevators to allow for more than seven acres of laydown space, and the purchase of a new hybrid-electric mobile harbor crane to enhance port operations.

The City of Superior and DSPA continuously work together to ensure our Port remains a leader in transporting cargo. The nearly 8,000 jobs the Port supports are on both sides of the bridge and are the building blocks of our economy. The initiatives within this grant application will help expand the capabilities of our Port, resulting in supply chain savings for our businesses and more employment opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration and approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Jim Paine  
Mayor