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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support for the Alabama Port Authority's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Program grant application for its T ASD New Horizons Project. The Terminal Railway Alabama State Docks (T ASD) conducts all switching operations for the five Class I and four short-line railroads that serve customers at the Port of Mobile.

If awarded, the T ASD New Horizons Project will solidify the Port's standing as a high-wage economic driver by supporting a safer, more efficient operational environment that will continue its commitment to sustainability through more resilient and reliable infrastructure that operates with fewer emissions. Specifically, proposed improvements include expanding the existing T ASD interchange yard, raising it to protect it from storm events, and adding power switches. With these proposed improvements in place, the Port plans to study how the new infrastructure would impact the overall rail network adjacent to the Port of Mobile to better accommodate community growth while preserving T ASD's daily switching operations.

As Governor, improving Alabama's infrastructure, enhancing economic growth and meaningful career opportunities, and fostering commercial and community efficiencies are among my top priorities. The Port's proposed T ASD New Horizon Project certainly aligns with these goals. To this end, your full consideration of the Alabama Port Authority's CRISI grant application for the T ASD New Horizon Project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ivey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kay Ivey
Governor

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