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

Dear Secretary Duffy,

As a Member of Congress from Alabama, I am writing to show my support for the Main Dock Area Master Plan Development and its application for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP).

This planning effort represents a prudent and necessary investment that will advance nationally and regionally significant freight infrastructure through strategic, data-driven decision-making.

The proposed Main Dock Area Master Plan will establish a comprehensive, long-term framework to guide future port-related infrastructure investments that improve freight mobility, operational efficiency, and a state of good repair at the Port of Mobile. The planning effort will assess current conditions, forecast future freight demand, and evaluate multimodal access to ensure infrastructure investments are coordinated, sequenced, and aligned with regional and national supply chain needs. By doing so, the Master Plan will position the region to accommodate economic growth while maximizing the performance and reliability of existing assets.

This initiative has clear regional and national significance, as the Port and its supporting infrastructure serve as a critical node in the regional freight system and the broader national transportation network. Development of the Master Plan will support informed capital programming, improve coordination among public and private stakeholders, and ensure that future projects advance USDOT priorities such as freight

movement efficiency, economic competitiveness, and supply chain resilience.

The Main Dock Area Master Plan will also prioritize resiliency, sustainability, and risk reduction by strengthening the Port's ability to withstand extreme weather events and other disruptions and integrating asset vulnerability assessments, along with operational efficiency strategies into long-term planning. These elements will help reduce future disruptions, improve infrastructure durability, and ensure the Port remains a reliable component of the national freight system over time.

I ask that you give this PIDP grant application your most thoughtful and serious consideration. This planning effort will lay the foundation for efficient, resilient, and nationally significant infrastructure investments that deliver lasting public benefit.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important application. I look forward to continuing to work with you on these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Aderholt". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert B. Aderholt  
Member of Congress