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## Director Bouchard,

This letter is to serve as confirmation that the City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority ("Tulsa Ports") has reserved the twenty-percent (20%) matching funds for our Port Infrastructure Development Program grant application to support the "The Slack-water Harbor Dock Replacement Project" in the amount of six hundred thousand, four hundred and fifty-three dollars (\$809,308). In addition, I am confirming that the project-area location/land is under full-control by the Port Authority and will require no additional permission from outside entities to begin this project.

MARAD has always been a great partner to us, and this opportunity for a grant opportunity to replace critical infrastructure for Tulsa Ports is appreciated! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions, and we look forward to working with you on yet another successful project.

Sincerely,

David Yarbrough, PE

Port Director

Tulsa Ports

## Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 22, 2021

Lucinda Lessley
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U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Acting Administrator Lessley and Director Bouchard:

We are pleased to submit this letter in support of the Tulsa Ports application to receive grant funding through the Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). Tulsa Ports is an important economic driver for the State of Oklahoma and our inland ports are critical to the State's participation in commercial activities on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS).

The Tulsa Ports Catoosa location is a multi-modal shipping complex with over 2,500 acres of industrial park space, hosting 70 companies and supporting almost 3,000 livable-wage jobs. The Port accounts for \$300 million in economic activity each year across a variety of sectors including agricultural commodities, building materials, and petroleum products. The Port's main towboat dock in the slack-water harbor has been rendered functionally obsolete and needs to be replaced. While the expiration of the dock's intended useful life was already on the horizon, its condition was significantly worsened by extreme flooding in 2019, which damaged infrastructure in many places along the Oklahoma portion of the MKARNS.

We are encouraged that Tulsa Ports has been working alongside regional stakeholders, including the Grant Gateway Economic Development Association, to build a coalition of support for this project and this grant application, as it will not be possible to complete this project without federal assistance.

The development of Oklahoma's marine infrastructure is one of the Oklahoma Delegation's top priorities this Congress and we appreciate your strong consideration of this application. Please contact Victor Sarmiento, on my staff, at victor\_sarmiento@inhofe.senate.gov if you need any further assistance as you consider this important project.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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