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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write in support of application submitted by The Port of Albany for funding from the Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant (PIPD) through the U.S. Department of Transportation. The funding will be used for the Port of Albany's expansion and offshore wind manufacturing project.

The Port of Albany, officially established in 1925, serves as a major shipping and trading post along the Hudson River in upstate New York. Its central location makes the port well positioned to serve as a midpoint between major cities and economic hubs in the region, such as Boston, New York City, and Montreal. Besides water access, the port also provides a close connection to the regional rail and inter-state highway systems that fuel regional economic development.

The requested funding will be used for The Port of Albany's Offshore Wind Tower Manufacturing Port Project, the first of its kind in the United States. Funds will go towards material costs and necessary infrastructure, which includes the development of 95 acres. This project is critical in establishing an offshore wind supply chain in the United States and moving towards renewable energy. Additionally, the site will create hundreds of construction jobs and up to 400 manufacturing and maritime jobs. Funding for the Port of Albany is vital to maximizing the project's development and energizing the local and national green economy.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member, Anisa Dhillon, at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand
United States Senator