



April 21, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Hickman-Fulton County Riverport (HFCRA) is submitting a Port Infrastructure Development Program application to be considered for the Small Ports grant program. This grant will fund the Conveyor Upgrade and Replacement Project which will have a positive impact on the Purchase region in Western Kentucky.

The upgrade and replacement of the conveyor system will enable the Port to meet increasing demand and improve safety and efficiency of port operations. The Riverport is the only Kentucky riverport operating on the Mississippi River and supports one of the Midwest's major grain producing areas. These improvements will provide the necessary infrastructure for additional development and regional growth related to the marine industry.

In efforts of pursuing funding for this grant opportunity, we are committed to providing a 20% match totaling \$823,969.72 contribution toward this project along with the manpower and other resource required to successfully complete the grant requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of HFCRA's application. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Curlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Greg Curlin  
Executive Director, HFCRA