



July 2, 2021

The Honorable Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
RAISE Review Committee
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: CCAD Cargo and Seafood Transfer Facility – DTOS59-21-RA-RAISE

Mr. Buttigieg and the RAISE Review Committee:

This letter is to express Wild Rivers Coast Alliance's support of the Coos County Airport District's application for the RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grant program for the construction of a modern cargo and seafood transfer facility.

This project will remove unsafe facilities, leaving room for a modern functional cargo storage and transfer facility. This facility will allow seafood harvesters from the south coast to export their products nationally. WRCA has been involved in food systems work in the area for many years and an ongoing challenge for the industry continues to be finding ways to get products from the south coast to the vendors. This facility will also provide access to industrial size freezer and refrigeration space which will largely help local harvesters/growers become more competitive in their direct markets.

We are pleased to support this grant application as it will work to help alleviate an ongoing food system challenge.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marie Simonds
Executive Director
Wild Rivers Coast Alliance