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

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

Mr. Buttigieg and the RAISE Review Committee:

This letter is in support of the Coos County Airport District's application for the RAISE Transportation discretionary Grant program funding for the construction of a modern cargo and seafood transfer facility.

This project will remove hazardous World War II facilities and will open up property for a modern functional cargo storage and transfer facility, which in turn will allow for regional seafood harvesters to export their products nationally and internationally.

The Coos County Airport is located next to the Port of Coos Bay, just 7 miles from the fishing community of Charleston, one of Oregon's largest seafood landing ports. Two other seafood ports, Winchester bay and Port Orford, are less than an hour's drive from the Coos County Airport. Given the distance from Coos Bay to markets served by trucks, having an air freight option will add considerable value to our fishing community.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to support his grant application. This is a great way to RAISE our local economy.

Sincerely,

Robert "Bob" Main, Chair

John W. Sweet, Commissioner

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