



July 7, 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

Dear Mr. Buttigieg and the RAISE Review Committee:

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay wishes to extend its support of the Coos County Airport District's application for the RAISE Transportation Discretionary Grant program funding for construction of a modern cargo and seafood transfer facility.

This project will serve to remove hazardous World War II facilities and repurpose the property to create modern cargo storage and transfer facility, which will in turn allow for regional seafood harvesters to export their products to domestic and international markets.

The Charleston Marina is owned and operated by the Port of Coos Bay and supports the third largest fishing hub in the State of Oregon. Access to adequate cold storage facilities has been an ongoing issue for the industry, especially on the Southern Oregon Coast. This facility will provide industrial size freezer and refrigeration space, which will help the commercial fishing fleet become more competitive in the seafood market.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to support this grant application.

Sincerely,

John Burns, Chief Executive Officer  
Oregon International Port of Coos Bay