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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 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.

As a seafood business in Oregon, we have sought economical and efficient ways to get our products to our vendors, which has been an ongoing issue for the industry especially on the Southern Oregon Coast. This facility, in conjunction with having access to industrial size freezer and refrigeration space, will help us become more competitive in the seafood market, creating a direct economic benefit for Southern Oregon, which includes Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties.

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

Respectfully,

Charmaine Vitek, District Manager
Port of Umpqua

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