



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

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Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby  
Administrator  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Maritime Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
West Building  
Washington, DC 20003-3660

Dear Rear Admiral Buzby,

I am writing to ask that you give full and fair consideration to Port Milwaukee's application for the Port Infrastructure Development Grant.

According to my constituent, the requested funds will be used for the demolition of the existing out-of-date structure, as well as the construction of an intermodal bulk vessel transload facility and vertical storage structures. The applicant reported that their project will include site investigations, permitting, site work, a shiploader, equipment for bulk loading and conveyance, and construction phase engineering.

The applicant believes that redeveloping the property will result in better utilization of Port assets. Other benefits will include the expansion of international markets by allowing greater quantities of products and the abilities to ship to new customers, the reduction of the carbon footprint resulting from truck transportation, the addition of new markets for ethanol by-products placed in the upper Midwest, the injection of additional funding into corn and soybean producers in Wisconsin and the upper Midwest, the addition of an estimated 50,000 construction work hours during the construction of the new facility, and the creation of eight permanent jobs. I was interested to learn that the intermodal bulk transload facility will be the only maritime-based distiller dry grain transload site on the Great Lakes that can load entire vessels of Dry Distillers Grain with Solubles.

I would appreciate it if you and the appropriate Maritime officials would carefully review Port Milwaukee's application and give it your full consideration (consistent with all laws and regulations), while remaining within the parameters of the federal government's ability to fund the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan Steil". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Bryan Steil  
Representing Wisconsin's 1st District