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Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District's application for FY 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) Mega and INFRA funding for its Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Multipurpose Marine Terminal Project. This critical infrastructure would support California's burgeoning offshore wind industry and bring significant economic benefits to a historically disadvantaged rural community while supporting clean energy development needed to combat climate change.

The marine terminal project on Humboldt Bay in the north part of my congressional district will redevelop a 180-acre former industrial site along a federal navigation channel. Offshore wind developers would use the site to assemble wind turbines before towing them to Bureau of Ocean Management leased areas offshore. Significant workforce development, career advancement, and local business opportunities will result from these projects, including for local tribal members, tribal governments, and labor. The project has been supported by \$10.45 million in planning funds from the state and by \$8.8 million in United States Marine Highway Grant funds, and a 50 percent or higher match to the Mega and INFRA funds is expected.

This major port development nearest the most significant wind resources will make it a hub for offshore wind on the West Coast, increasing competitiveness by reducing travel between manufacturing hub, marshalling port, and wind farm, and by reducing consumer costs. These projects are critical to meeting state and federal clean energy goals.

Please give the Humboldt Bay Harbor District's request for MPDG Mega and INFRA funding for its Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Multipurpose Marine Terminal Project your full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please contact my Senior District Representative John Driscoll at (707)407-3585.

Sincerely,



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