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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We are writing to express our strong support for the Maine Department of Transportation's (MaineDOT) *Dirigo Atlantic Floating Offshore Wind Port Project* application to the FY25-26 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$760 million with MaineDOT requesting \$456 million in MPDG funds. The remaining funds will be comprised of other federal, state, and private sector lease payments.

As outlined in the *Maine Offshore Wind Roadmap*, establishing a port facility is crucial for unlocking Maine's potential in offshore wind energy. This initiative promises to foster well-paying employment opportunities, ignite broad economic growth, and yield ample clean energy, aligning with the objectives of the State's climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait*, and the Biden Administration's ambition to deploy 15 Gigawatts (GW) of Floating Offshore Wind (FOSW) by 2035. Notably, the port's strategic location positions it to serve the burgeoning floating offshore wind sector along the entire East Coast, while also facilitating localized manufacturing of cutting-edge technologies.

We fully support Maine's pursuit of these federal funds, recognizing their indispensable role in advancing this project and catalyzing further investments in clean energy production. We urge you to give careful consideration to their application and grant them the funding they are seeking for this pivotal project.

Sincerely,

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Lydia Crafts
House Chair
Transportation Committee

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Stacy Brenner
Senate Chair
Environment & Natural Resources



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Mark Lawrence
Senate Chair
Energy, Utilities and Technology

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Paige Zeigler
House Chair
Energy, Utilities and Technology