



# Union Wharf LLC

April 14, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We, as owners of Union Wharf in Portland, ME, write in strong support of the City of Portland and City of South Portland's Port Infrastructure Development Program grant application entitled, *Portland Harbor Dredge and CAD Cell Project*.

Portland Harbor is a critical economic hub for the State of Maine providing public and private infrastructure that supports many diverse industries. The Cities around Portland Harbor are home to the largest population center north of Boston and are a regional financial, retail, transportation, and service hub. For the marine economy, the economic activity and value of the waterfront has been limited and increasingly threatened by the lack of adequate berthing due to the shallow depth between the piers caused by decades of sediment accumulation. Full tide accessible berthing is the foundational resource of a commercial waterfront.

We recently acquired Union Wharf, part of the Portland Harbor marine economy since its construction in 1793. Union Wharf provides a base of operations for many marine businesses needing critical water access infrastructure. All 1700-feet of berthing on Union Wharf is occupied by working vessels. This dredge project will ensure that Portland Harbor will remain a viable and safe working port for years to come.

We are aware that this project has obtained approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. With these permits in place, the project sponsors, the community at large, and our private business owners are all supportive of the work and are prepared to support the project financially.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you consider this important project for award. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Perkins  
President/CEO