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The Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

I am writing to express my strong support for the application recently submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) to the Clean Ports Program: Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition. This \$1 million funding request is crucial for advancing Maine's ambitious plan to implement port electrification for zero emissions (ZE) vehicles and shore power. Such an initiative promises significant benefits for both the Maine and national economies and is a key step towards achieving a fully ZE marine transportation system.

MaineDOT, in collaboration with the Maine Port Authority (MPA), the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), and CruiseMaine, is undertaking a comprehensive evaluation of the feasibility of electrification and shore power deployment across the state's ports. This includes cruise ports that frequently host small passenger vessels and have expressed interest in shore power connections. The project aims to facilitate the transition from diesel power to electrification for vessels docked at cargo and cruise ports, while also investigating the requirements for electrifying port operations equipment. Establishing shore power at Maine's three primary commercial ports is a critical component of this planning project.

The initiative will involve extensive community engagement as MaineDOT, MPA, and CruiseMaine explore the feasibility and benefits of installing shore power at three deepwater ports and several smaller ports in Maine. The project will prioritize understanding the potential for electrification and shore power throughout the state's marine transportation system. It will also ensure robust community and stakeholder collaboration, maintaining meaningful engagement throughout the design, construction, and post-construction phases.

In summary, I fully support this project and respectfully urge you to give strong consideration to MaineDOT's application.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
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