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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for the Port of Hueneme's FY2014 Port Security Grant Program Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to you to express my strong support for the Port of Hueneme's FY2014 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) application.

As you may know, the original House FY2014 Homeland Security Appropriations Act did not provide specific funds for the PSGP. I offered an amendment to provide \$97.5 million for port security grants, which passed with broad bi-partisan support. Ultimately, the final legislation that was signed into law provided \$100 million for this critical program.

The Port of Hueneme is seeking Department of Homeland Security (DHS): Federal Emergency Management Agency funds through PSGP to support and improve its ability to manage security risks, provide greater security and efficiency in the regional/domestic supply chain and maximize economic security. A collaborative, layered strategy represents the cornerstone of security in the maritime domain for the Port of Hueneme port area. The projects proposed in this application represent a regional alliance of government agencies, law enforcement teams, and maritime industries as part of an on-going effort to strengthen the security of the port area and its waterways and are essential to the safety and security of our region.

The Port of Hueneme is a connection to world markets and serves as a priority gateway for the Western United States and Canada. The port plays a vital role in the intermodal logistics supply chain and is critical to the economic health of Ventura County and Southern California. As a U.S. Port of Entry, the port supports the transport of over \$8 billion in cargo, generates a \$1.1 billion economic impact, provides more than 10,200 direct, indirect, induced and influenced jobs regionally, and generates over \$69 million in state and local taxes. The port handles over 1.432 million metric tons of cargo transported on over 1,000 deep and shallow draft ocean-going vessels.

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The Port of Hueneme is applying for grant funding for the following projects:

- **Port Security Surveillance and Cyber Security Enhancements:** This project will include redundant systems for resiliency and cyber vulnerability scans and assessment reports as well as the creation of a cyber-security policy and training plan. The port will also hire additional Harbormasters and add a Lead Harbormaster to support maritime security and operate maritime security patrol equipment acquired through previous PSGP funding. This proposed project enhances the capabilities of the current system and builds a more robust system that has deeper maritime domain awareness and critical resiliency. An expansion of the district's port wide video surveillance system is also required for the security of the greater Port of Hueneme area. The current CCTV coverage requires an expanded video analytics system to alert Harbormasters of abnormal and/or suspicious activity. Enhancing this existing security platform will increase the port's capabilities to better protect critical infrastructure.
- **Training & Exercises:** This project will provide training and exercises to increase the ability of the Port and local response agencies to prepare for, respond to, and recover from technological, natural and man-made disasters affecting the port.

The Port of Hueneme has been a responsible steward of federal Port Security Grant funding and has one of the highest drawdown rates of all U.S. ports.

The port provides layered security to the human, industrial and facility capital within the port working with its port security stakeholders. The projects proposed in this application will maximize the port's ability to deliver layered security and address existing vulnerabilities that will best protect the port and all its resources.

For these reasons, I urge you to give the Port of Hueneme's request for a PSGP grant your full and fair consideration, consistent with all relevant rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Brownley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

**JULIA BROWNLEY**  
Member of Congress