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The Honorable Penny Pritzker
Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
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Dear Secretary Pritzker:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Port of Hueneme's Intermodal Improvement Project: Wharf & Berth Improvements, which was submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for consideration.

The project has national significance improving a U.S. Port of Entry, U.S. Department of Defense Strategic Port and supports the White House and Department's "Look South" initiative. The Oxnard Harbor District, Port of Hueneme, is located in Ventura County, California and includes the Cities of Oxnard and Port Hueneme. The City of Oxnard currently meets the criteria for an Economically Distressed Area.

The project implements critical upgrades to the Port of Hueneme's facilities, including wharf improvements, berth deepening and paving improvements, which will enhance the port's asset utilization, increase productivity, respond to customer growth, support the growth of export and import cargo flows, and reduce regional congestion, and create jobs throughout the region.

The Port of Hueneme's Intermodal Improvement Project provides long-term infrastructure enhancements that facilitate the efficient movement of cargo in the most environmentally responsible manner possible. The proposed project is of regional significance and supports the Economic Development Assistance Program principles, and promoting environmental sustainability.

The Port of Hueneme and the EDA Regional Office staff have worked effectively throughout the development of the application process. The project received a non-binding approval letter from the Seattle Regional Office on November 26th. I respectfully urge that Economic Development Administration Headquarters give full and fair consideration to providing final approval, consistent with all relevant rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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