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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my 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 visionary project is estimated to require an investment of approximately \$760 million, with MaineDOT requesting \$456 million in MPDG funds, supplemented by other federal, state, and private sector contributions.

As outlined in the *Maine Offshore Wind Roadmap*, the establishment of a port facility is paramount in unlocking Maine's potential in offshore wind. This initiative promises to catalyze the creation of high-quality jobs, foster widespread economic development, and usher in a new era of clean energy production. Moreover, it aligns with Maine's climate action plan, *Maine Won't Wait* and the Biden Administration's ambitious goal of deploying 15 Gigawatts of Floating Offshore Wind (FOSW) by 2035. This proposed port's strategic location makes it ideally suited to serve the emerging floating offshore wind industry along the entire East Coast. This can be accomplished while enabling localized manufacturing of advanced energy technology. Additionally, the introduction of a Jones Act-compliant, U.S.-flagged semi-submersible barge capable of handling floating offshore wind foundations represents groundbreaking advancements in maritime infrastructure.

I fully support Maine's application for these federal funds, recognizing their crucial role in advancing this transformative project and stimulating further investments in clean energy generation and sustainable local economic development. With the successful construction of the port and barge, I am confident that Maine will emerge as a key player in bolstering the growth of the offshore wind industry in the United States.

Sincerely,



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