

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 13, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

We are writing to express our support for the application by the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) through the Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). ARRC's grant application is for the Seward, Alaska Freight Dock and Corridor Improvements project, which will lengthen and widen the primary freight dock at the Port of Seward and construct an airport connection road for freight.

The Seward, Alaska Freight Dock and Corridor Improvements project includes expanding the primary freight dock by extending the existing sheet pile bulkhead from 620 feet to 1,000 feet. The bulkhead expansion will then allow the existing 630-foot-long deck to be extended by approximately 400 feet. A mooring dolphin and catwalk will extend the deck an additional 100 feet. The corridor component of the project will create a roadway connection between the freight dock and the existing Airport Road.

These improvements to the Seward Marine Terminal wharf and roadway infrastructure will promote port roadway safety and efficiency, expand terminal and vessel service, and promote the region's key industries, fishing and tourism, while providing essential transportation services to Alaska's rural communities.

Consistent with applicable law, policy, and guidance, we respectfully ask that you give due consideration to the Alaska Railroad Corporation's FY20 PIDP application and all Alaskan grant applications. We ask that you keep our offices apprised on the outcome of the application.

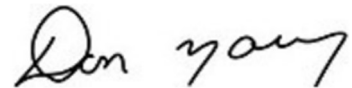
Sincerely,



LISA MURKOWSKI  
United States Senator



DAN SULLIVAN  
United States Senator



DON YOUNG  
Congressman for All Alaska