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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I write in support of the application submitted by the Eastport Port Authority to the U.S. Department of Transportation for an FY2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant supporting its project. The repairing of the fish pier and breakwater upgrades will allow the pier to meet the safety and economic needs of eastern Maine.

The fish pier has deteriorated to a critical condition and is at risk of structural failure. If left unaddressed, failure of the pier would expose the breakwater and inner harbor to significant wind and wave damage, particularly during storm events. This loss of protection would disrupt harbor operations and force users to relocate, despite the lack of comparable facilities within a reasonable distance. The resulting impacts would include loss of commercial fishing, aquaculture, tourism, and cruise-related activities, with substantial economic consequences.

This project will rehabilitate and upgrade the fish pier to restore structural integrity and extend its useful lifespan. It will also complete the long-delayed breakwater extension by adding 97 feet, significantly improving wave attenuation, enhancing harbor protection, and ensuring safe, reliable operations for all users.

Thank you for your careful review of the Eastport Port Authority proposal for eastern Maine. I ask that you give this application every appropriate consideration, consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and to please notify Melissa Landry at (207) 784-6969 when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator