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The Honorable Jim Kenney
Mayor
City of Philadelphia
City Hall, Office 215
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mayor Kenney:

A critical issue affecting Philadelphia's economy and ability to create family-sustaining jobs in our region requires your immediate attention.

On behalf of the 300 members of the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay, we encourage you to transfer control of the Mustin parcel, a 97-acre parcel of land located in the Navy Yard from the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and the City to PhilaPort.

PhilaPort is a major economic engine for the region, supporting nearly 10,000 jobs and generating close to \$100 million in state and local taxes annually. To maintain its competitive edge and continue its growth, PhilaPort wants to develop a state-of-the-art logistics and distribution center on the Mustin parcel. PhilaPort's plan for the parcel will create more than 1,600 warehouse and distribution center jobs and over 1,800 marine terminal positions. Further, this development would provide critically needed container-handling capacity for PhilaPort.

Pennsylvania has invested \$1 billion in the development of PhilaPort — approximately \$500 million in the last five years alone. Your support would leverage the Commonwealth's investment and help to secure Philadelphia's place as a global goods movement gateway.

The Maritime Exchange adds its name to the list of supporters, which includes Governor Wolf, the Teamsters, ILA, other unions and trade organizations, business associations, and local businesses and urges you

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me at 215-925-2615 or at dennis.rochford@maritimedelriv.com with any questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,

Dennis Rochford
President

cc: Jeffrey Theobald, Executive Director and CEO, PhilaPort
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