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WILL BARCLAY
Minority Leader

May 21, 2020

Mr. William Scriber
Executive Director
Port of Oswego Authority
East Side Dock
1 East Second Street
Oswego, NY 13126

Dear Mr. Scriber:

I write in support of the Port of Oswego Authority's U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application. As an Assembly representative for Central New York, I understand how important the Port of Oswego is to the region.

The Port of Oswego is situated on the southeastern portion of beautiful Lake Ontario. The Port is incredibly important to the region as it is New York's only deep water port on Lake Ontario, and it is accessible to more than 60 million people in a 350 mile radius. The Port operates all year long, servicing roughly 120 boats that carry nearly one million tons of cargo every year. Its location makes it one of the most productive ports in the U.S. and farmers rely heavily on the port to transport their agricultural goods

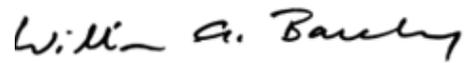
The Port of Oswego's ambitious expansion plan, the *Central New York Regional Agriculture Export Center Expansion Project*, will allow the Port to greatly increase its capacity to move cargo, including agricultural products that will benefit regional farmers, as well as compete for international business.

Some aspects of the Port of Oswego expansion project include: the construction of two grain towers, with dump pits by way of either railway or truck, repurposing of two existing grain storage dome structures, the development of a new modern ship loading system, and improvements to the conveyance system between five supporting storage structures. This PIDP grant would allow the Port to complete this expansion project, which would double the product volume the Port could move in and out of New York.

Given that the COVID-19 pandemic has decimated New York State's economic system, this expansion project will breathe new life into Central New York's regional economy by creating desperately needed new jobs, reducing emissions by increasing water transport, as well as reducing the wear and tear on New York's aging roads and bridges

It is my hope that you give serious consideration to the Port of Oswego's PIDP grant application, as it has the strong potential to create both immediate and long-term job opportunities, as well as support local private businesses and improve the overall economic health of the Central New York region. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of further assistance in the future.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Barclay". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Will Barclay
Assembly Minority Leader

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cc: Austin M. Wheelock, CEcD