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The Honorable John Porcari
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Dear Deputy Secretary Porcari,

The recent passage of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) represents a true milestone for freight. Through the establishment of a national freight policy, this legislation recognizes and prioritizes the economic significance of our nation's supply chain infrastructure. We, the Freight Stakeholders Coalition (Coalition), applaud Congress and the Administration for working together to produce a bill that establishes a framework for freight planning and increases focus on goods movement at the federal and state levels.

Coalition membership represents shippers and public and private transportation providers working together to support policies to promote freight mobility in the United States. Our Coalition urges swift implementation of the various freight provisions called for in MAP-21, and we stand ready and willing to engage with the Administration to act as a resource as the challenges of implementation are addressed.

Additionally, we congratulate the Administration on the recent establishment of the multimodal Freight Policy Council. Joining together leadership representing the many modes of our expansive freight system will be essential for developing a comprehensive National Freight Strategic Plan.

Knowing the Administration intends to act swiftly to develop the National Freight Strategic Plan and other elements called for in MAP-21, we request a meeting with the Office of Policy, or if appropriate, the Freight Policy Council as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,



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