

June 1, 2018

The Honorable Mario Díaz-Balart
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing, and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
c/o Doug Disrud

The Honorable David Price
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing, and Urban Development, and
Related Agencies
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
c/o Joe Carlile

RE: Thank You - FY 2019 \$250 Million (33 percent) in the National Infrastructure Investment or BUILD Program

Dear Chairman Díaz-Balart and Ranking Member Price:

On behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) we want to thank you for your leadership in dedicating \$250 million toward port infrastructure investment in the FY 2019 National Infrastructure Investment or BUILD program.

As you are aware, AAPA members have long been ardent supporters of a "Multimodal BUILD/TIGER-style" program and have advocated that a minimum of 25 percent of the funding be dedicated to port-related infrastructure needs. We greatly appreciate that 33 percent of the FY 2019 funding for BUILD is dedicated to port infrastructure. We strongly believe that ports are national infrastructure resources that support metropolitan and rural supply chains.

To support our multimodal project requests, last week AAPA released a rail access report that captures the full breadth of the industry's rail and multimodal needs. In this report, [State of Freight III – Rail Access and Port Multimodal Funding Needs](#), AAPA port members identified more than \$20 billion in projected multimodal port and rail access needs over the next decade. In addition, 34 percent of ports have identified pressing rail project needs of more than \$50 million. So important is rail access and multimodal

projects to the port industry and supply chain that within the next ten years, 77 percent of ports are planning an on-dock, near-dock or rail access project.

The 33 percent (\$250 million) dedicated to port infrastructure in the FY 2019 THUD appropriations bill is an essential tool in addressing port multimodal freight infrastructure needs and a great step forward for ports to leverage additional resources to build out a 21st century supply chain.

We thank the Committee again for your leadership on multimodal infrastructure funding issues and look forward to working with you on maintaining the 33 percent funding level so that ports and our industry partners can address these important infrastructure and supply chain issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt J. Nagle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kurt J. Nagle
President and CEO

cc: The Honorable Richard Shelby, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Ranking Member, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Susan Collins, Chairman, Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
The Honorable Jack Reed, Ranking Member, Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Nita Lowey, Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader, House of Representatives
The Honorable Paul Ryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader
The Honorable Charles Schumer, Senate Minority Leader