

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 10, 2024

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The *PEV Regional Port Operations With Emissions Reductions Project* (hereafter “PEV Regional POWER” or the “Project”) will accelerate the decarbonization of Port Everglades through the purchase of electric, zero-emissions (ZE) cargo-handling equipment and associated retirement of diesel-powered equipment that has been in use for 10 years or more. The Project builds on more than two years of planning and market assessment to advance long-standing sustainability goals targeted by MARAD, Broward County, the Port, and the private terminal operators. It has been developed through a forward-looking public-private partnership between Port Everglades, part of Broward County’s government, and two of the Port’s largest terminal operators--Crowley Logistics, Inc., and Port Everglades Terminal LLC.

The Project will alleviate emissions burdens on neighboring communities and sensitive ecological areas. But more than this, it will model the implementation of a replicable and scalable approach for transitioning the balance of Port Everglades’ operations to ZE technologies and provide a blueprint for local maritime operators and similar ports to follow suit.

[INSERT 3-5 sentences on the organization’s role and unique interest in the project.]

For all these reasons we strongly support the PEV Regional POWER Project and write to request your support for this critical investment. If there is any information that we may provide to support, please contact me at **[INSERT your contact information]**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,