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RE: Letter Of Support For U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2024 Clean Ports Program: Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition

Dear Acting Director Wiltshire,

[INSERT Company Name] is pleased to submit this letter in support of Port Everglades grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2024 Clean Port Program: Zero-Emission Technology Development Competition for Shore Power Infrastructure for marine vessels.

With cruise lines continuing to advance increasingly environmentally sustainable operations, availability of shore power is crucial to reduction of vessel emission, as it allows engines to be turned off at berth, providing electrical power for lighting, air conditioning, and elevators through the local electric grid.

This initiative aligns with the federal goals to transition ports to zero-emissions operations and to reduce pollution in the communities' surrounding ports, particularly those that are economically disadvantaged. The installation of shore power at Port Everglades is expected to reduce CO₂ emissions by nearly 25%, an impact equivalent to removing 2,470 cars from the road annually. This significant reduction in pollutants like NO_x and SO₂ will markedly improve air quality in Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Dania Beach, and the broader Broward County area.

With Florida's ports in constant competition for maritime business not only within the U.S. but globally, it is imperative that our facilities are equipped to manage increasing volumes of cruise traffic sustainably. Implementing shore power at Port Everglades is a crucial step toward achieving this goal and enhancing our competitive edge.

We look forward to the successful implementation of the Port Everglades Shore Power Project and are excited to continue our partnership with Broward County to advance sustainable innovations that benefit our community and the environment.

Sincerely,