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To Whom It May Concern:

Our concern today is to write in support of the Petersburg Borough's Community Transportation Program application to improve the South Harbor approach for pedestrian access and safety.

Our company helps cruise ship customers who arrive on the docks to enjoy Petersburg. Getting them up the present ramp at lower tides can be a serious problem. We've even had guests just stay on their cruise ship, rather than trying to negotiate the steep ramp to shore.

The proposed project would eliminate/reduce the access obstacle by providing an ADA-compliant ramp thereby improving accessibility and safety for our customers and all Harbor users.

Additionally, the current configuration puts pedestrians at risk by conflicting with the harbor's crane dock. Trucks and equipment are using the same entrance way as pedestrians. The proposed project relocates the entrance of the gangway effectively segregating pedestrians from the loading zone. The area can be dangerous with simultaneous use by transiting harbor users, bicyclists, and cruise ship clients.

The proposed design presents a step forward in improving safety and access for everyone to this important community facility. We encourage you to approve the application for funding.

Please contact the undersigned for further comments or information.

Sincerely,



David Berg, Inc.

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