

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 3, 2025

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Secretary Duffy:

We are pleased to support the Maryland Economic Development Corporation's (MEDCO) application for funding consideration through the U.S. Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) for its Sparrows Point Container Terminal (SPCT) Container Yard Phase 2 Project (Phase 2 Project), that will expand freight handling capacity in the Mid-Atlantic region. MEDCO will serve as the lead applicant in collaboration with the joint venture of Tradepoint Atlantic (TPA) and Terminal Investment Limited (TiL).

Located in Sparrows Point within TPA's 3,300-acre Global Logistics Center, a former steel mill brownfield in Baltimore County, Maryland, the SPCT is a planned 168-acre shipping container terminal within the Port of Baltimore. The project is connected to a private \$1 billion investment in domestic port capacity that will create 1,100 new ILA union jobs and an additional 7,000 jobs connected to the port. PIDP funding would be used for Phase 2 of the SPCT project to add critically needed capacity to the planned terminal shipping container yard, developing approximately 22 acres, including utilities and cargo moving equipment.


In 2014, TPA, a recognized leader in industrial brownfield redevelopment, purchased the shuttered steel mill property with a commitment to clean up the contamination left behind after 125 years of steel-making and return new industry and jobs to the region. TPA's industrial logistics and maritime commerce center is home to over 51 world-class companies employing over 14,000 Marylanders.

The SPCT will increase efficiency, reliability, and safety, and reduce transportation costs by enabling additional weekly vessel service to the Port of Baltimore. Phase 1 of the new SPCT includes non-federal channel widening, a wharf to accommodate ultra-large container vessels, marine structures, a rail-based intermodal yard, gate entry, and on-terminal buildings. The Phase 1 container yard is fully funded and is nearing final environmental approval and acquisition of all necessary permits. Phase 1 construction will begin later this year. Funding from the PIDP grant will be the "last dollar" in order to complete the Phase 2 Project, the shipping container yard, to enable capacity for storing approximately 50,000 TEU containers.

MEDCO's redevelopment project in partnership with TiL at the Tradepoint Atlantic industrial serves as a model of a public-private partnership for community engagement, interconnected trade, and modern transportation logistics.

We fully support the collaborative efforts of MEDCO and Tradepoint TiL Terminal, LLC to bring additional freight handling capacity to the Mid-Atlantic region through its SPCT Container Yard - Phase 2 Project. We urge you to give its application every consideration.

Sincerely,




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Chris Van Hollen  
United States Senator



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Member of Congress



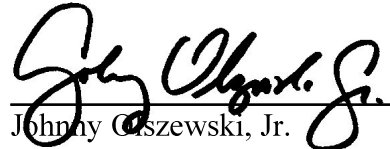
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