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Office of Port Infrastructure Development  
United States Department of Transportation - Maritime Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: CBJ Docks & Harbors Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant Application

To whom it may concern,

It is a pleasure to submit a letter in support of the Port Infrastructure Development Program application by the Docks and Harbors office of the City and Bureau of Juneau. Docks and Harbors has provided services that enhance the city of Juneau and the surrounding region for many years, and it is our belief that an award for this grant application will continue that trend.

As a Native Alaskan corporation, Goldbelt's foremost focus is supporting our local communities. The proposed project, a "drive-down" float in Juneau's Aurora Harbor, would greatly improve opportunities for local fishermen. Fishing is integral to the livelihoods of many of our native shareholders, and we believe that any and all improvements to make the industry more accessible are worth investing in.

Goldbelt and Docks and Harbors have worked together on many projects over the years. Our organizations believe in creating meaningful adjustments that will improve the safety and efficiency of port-related infrastructure for Alaskans. Goldbelt strongly supports the project as detailed in the application and urge you to move forward with an award for this endeavor.

Respectfully,

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