

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 9, 2025

Mr. Sang H. Yi
Acting Administrator, Maritime Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Acting Administrator Yi,

As the Senators representing the State of West Virginia, we are writing in support of the West Virginia Department of Transportation's (WVDOT) application for funding through the Maritime Administration's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). Funding would support construction of an all-weather barge handling dock at the new state-of-the-art Nucor Steel West Virginia steel mill in Apple Grove, West Virginia.

Should funding be awarded, the WVDOT will continue their efforts to support Nucor Corporation as they build a new \$2.7 billion steel sheet mill in Mason County, West Virginia. Their location along the Ohio River will necessitate barge transportation for transporting inbound steel scrap and iron pelts as raw production materials, and transport outbound finished steel products.

As our country continues to face supply chain disruptions and unfair international trade, investments in our domestic manufacturing industries are more important than ever. Once fully operational, this steel mill will strengthen our domestic supply chain, and provide sustainable, American-made steel for domestic infrastructure projects, while simultaneously creating more high-paying jobs for West Virginia in this vital industry.

West Virginia's best days are ahead of us, and every investment made in our state brings us closer to the shared goal of uplifting Mountaineers everywhere. I am proud to see the WVDOT directly investing in the future of West Virginia, and I remain a committed partner to our federal, state, and local entities working in West Virginia. I hope you will give this application your full consideration, as you consider recipients for this year's PIDP funding.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator



James C. Justice
United States Senator