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Lisa A. Vest
Hearing Officer, Office of the Secretary
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901

By email to: DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov

RE: Docket # 2020-P-0024

Dear Hearing Officer Lisa A. Vest,

I am writing on behalf of hundreds of members of organized labor in Delaware to express our support for the Diamond State Port Corporation's (DSPC) plan to develop and build a container terminal at the Edgemoor property in Wilmington, Delaware. This project is critically needed in Delaware.

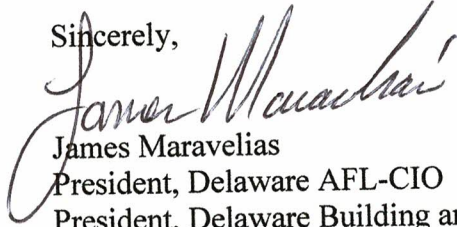
Our members live and work in the community here in Delaware. They are highly-skilled craftsmen, who contribute to their neighborhoods and state in many ways. Being part of an effort such as this, turning a forgotten industrial tract into an employment center, is something that brings our members great pride.

This project comes at a crucial time for our community. The construction industry has operated safely and continuously over the last six months. Unfortunately, the projects that were ongoing over that time are nearing their end, and because financing has tightened, there are not many scheduled in the near term. The Edgemoor project is one that gives our members hope for the future.

But while our main goal is make sure our members have work, we also recognize the emphasis the DSPC has put on developing this port in a responsible way that considers the environment and the surrounding communities. That's important to all of us because we live and work in these communities. After many conversations with DSPC leadership, we are confident this port will be a positive addition to the entire community, while providing hundreds of working Wilmington-area residents with quality jobs.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Maravelias". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

James Maravelias

President, Delaware AFL-CIO

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Business Manager, Laborers International Union of North America, Local 199