

December 1, 2020

Secretary Shawn Gavin
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)
Richardson and Robbins Building
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Secretary Gavin:

I am Mr. Terrone Warren, Owner of BVD Salon in Wilmington, Delaware. As a community activist and business owner, I profoundly express my support of the Diamond State Corporation's application to develop a new container cargo port in Edgemoor, DE. As a member of the local community, I understand the need to create new jobs and financial stability that will allow members of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) to provide for their families and contribute to the local economy. In addition, this new development will save jobs while expanding the shipping industry in the State of Delaware.

As a lifelong community member of Wilmington, DE, an educator, and business owner, I am aware of the tremendous financial and revenue opportunities this expansion can create for our local economies. The aforementioned financial and revenue opportunities can be used to create jobs for our youth, provide increase in pay for city workers, increase school funding to improve learning experiences, and rehabilitative services for community members. The positive impact the Edgemoor Project will have on the community can lead to population growth, which will lead to jobs in all sectors of the economy.

The State of Delaware must take advantage of this opportunity. The loss of jobs and revenue will eventually lead to citizens leaving the city of Edgemoor and surrounding communities, thereby, creating areas of poverty and despair. I urge you to approve the application to develop a new container cargo port at the Edgemoor site. I stand by my mantra that Delaware must lead the way to creating new and innovative economic opportunities. We may be a small state, but we believe in big opportunities.

Sincerely,

Terrone Warren
Business Owner and Community Activist
Wilmington, Delaware