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Dear Chairman Kulp and Transportation Committee Members,

Yesterday morning, there was an amendment put forth for consideration by the Assembly Committee on Transportation in regards to AB 325. While I am incredibly thankful for the support of the \$1.5 million needed for this transformative 220-acre Brown County port expansion project, I respectfully disagree with the funding source change the proposed amendment requested. The three primary reasons for my opposition to the proposed amendment to AB 325 are:

1. The Department of Transportation HAP experts we consulted with on this legislation indicated that the Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) is the appropriate, existing source from which this project should be funded.
2. HAP has an embedded, segregated fund that is best suited for this specific type of project. Again, this decision was made with the consultation and recommendation of DOT staff.
3. GPR funds have the greatest flexibility in terms of assignment. In order to provide JFC, DOT and Governor Evers with the maximum flexibility on spending (or saving) taxpayer resources, tapping funds that are not relocatable (i.e. SEG), should be considered a preferred option.

Again, I very thankful for your commitment to the funding of this critical project and AB 325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Steffen".