Congress of the United States

Washington, **DC** 20510 May 30, 2019

Rear Admiral Mark H. "Buz" Buzby, USN. Ret. Administrator MARAD U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Admiral Buzby:

We write in support of the application submitted by J. Goodison Company, Inc. for funding through MARAD's Small Shipyard grant program.

Founded in 1999, J. Goodison is a veteran-owned marine and industrial services shipyard specializing in full-service marine maintenance and repair in locations throughout the United States. In 2016, the company opened a shipyard facility in the Quonset Business Park in North Kingstown, Rhode Island and the facility is currently home to the largest mobile boat hoist in the Northeast region of the country. The company's client list includes the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard, General Dynamics Electric Boat, and Specialty Diving Services.

J. Goodison continues to invest and make improvements to the facility through its Quonset Point Facility Modernization Project. Funding from this grant program would allow the company to acquire welder generators, a portable dust collector, and other supporting equipment. This project would increase the company's workforce, improve efficiency and productivity, and create additional opportunities for its vendors and subcontractors.

We support this project and ask for your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations. If we can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our offices. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jack Reed

United States Senator

James R. Langevin

Member of Congress

Sheldon Whitehouse

United States Senator

David N. Cicilline Member of Congress