



April 20, 2014

Port Canaveral

Members of Florida Senate
Florida Senate
222 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Port Citrus

Port Everglades

Dear Senator,

Port of Fernandina

Thank you for your continued support of Florida’s seaports. Under the leadership of this Legislature, Florida has begun the process of making Florida the global gateway for international commerce. With more than 680,000 jobs supported by maritime activities at our state’s 15 seaports – this Legislature has made investing in strategic infrastructure projects at Florida’s ports a top priority.

Port of Fort Pierce

Port of Jacksonville

When these investments are coupled with investments in Florida’s freight mobility network – road, rail, airports and seaports – Florida will stand out as America’s gateway to the Caribbean, Latin America and beyond. Jobs and commerce once destined for other parts of the U.S. and the Caribbean are now expanding or locating in Florida.

Port of Key West

Port Manatee

We need to continue investing in our freight mobility priorities. HB 5601 provides for an additional annual investment of \$85 million “for transportation projects within this state for existing or planned strategic transportation projects that connect major markets within this state or between this state and other states, focus on job creation, and increase this state’s viability in the national and global markets.”

PortMiami

Port of Palm Beach

We urge you to support and pass this language in HB 5601 to help create the infrastructure in Florida that will support thousands of jobs for Floridians involved in the movement of freight, goods, and people.

Port of Panama City

Port of Pensacola

Respectfully,

Port of St. Petersburg

Val Schwee, Florida Ports Council Chair
Port of Fernandina

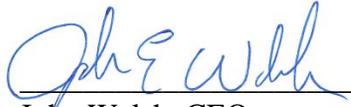
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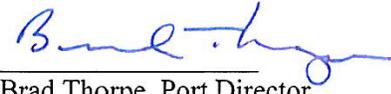
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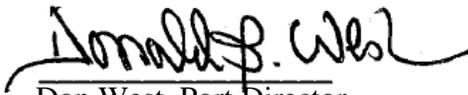
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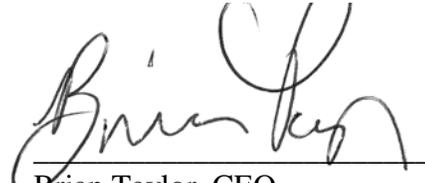
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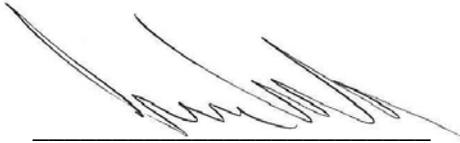
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