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## Maritime Academy Charter School

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DATE:
Mr. Eugene Mattioni Chief Executive Officer Maritime Academy Charter School 2275 Bridge Street, Building 11 Philadelphia, PA 19137
Re: <u>Letter of Support - Maritime Academy Charter School</u>
To Whom It May Concern:
At the request of Board Chairman, Capt. Scott Cointot, and Chief Executive Officer, Eugene Mattioni, we are dedicated to supporting the Maritime Academy Charter School (MACS), in its proposal to relocate its high school to a new location located at 2275 Bridge Street in buildings 201 and 202 (grades 7-12), and building 222, which would serve as the Maritime Center of Excellence with a basketball court and theatre, and would support our maritime curriculum programs and Sea Cadets.
With the addition of these buildings, MACS will have its entire campus on the grounds of the Arsenal Business Center, a fully gated community with 24/7 security. MACS will also have access to the river at the Frankford Boat Launch and Tacony Boat Launch and Lot C, provided by Bridge Industrial and the Bridesburg Community, giving access to the Delaware River.
Over the past nineteen (19) years, MACS has been active participants in many of the maritime activities throughout the Philadelphia region. Both Captain Cointot and Mr. Mattioni have hosted and supported the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime community and the Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay through their loyalty to the region's business communities and activities. The school's Sea Cadet program has accented many programs with dignity and young adult participation. The students are well-respected and bring a delightful demeanor to our port community.
The Board of Trustees of the Maritime Academy Charter School is composed of many professional members including attorneys, ship captains, engineers and top management executives within the maritime community. These volunteer members of the board and their professional expertise exemplify the success of the school.
The Maritime Academy Charter School is an integral part of our maritime community and participates in many of our professional endeavors throughout the year and is considered one of the best schools in the City of Philadelphia. The Ports of Philadelphia and business partners are proud to have such a fine school as part of our membership.
We confirm, without any doubt or reservation, the proposal to relocate MACS high school to a new facility located at 2275 Bridge Street, buildings 201, 202, and 222. MACS will fulfill its vision and mission to be a Maritime Center of Excellence. These young men and women will ultimately be our next generation of professional mariners, which we are proud to acknowledge and endorse.
Very truly yours,