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Ms. Allison Dees  
Senior Associate, Asset Management, PortNYC  
New York City Economic Development Corporation

Dear Ms. Dees:

I am writing to express my support for the PortSide New York efforts to fulfill their vision of creating a dynamic, future-focused maritime center by expanding into the Pier 11 warehouse in Atlantic Basin, Red Hook, Brooklyn next to the tanker Mary A. Whalen.

Access to the Pier 11 warehouse as a permanent location for PortSide New York would allow PortSide to expand its community-based work and programming and provide the opportunity for our city's working waterfront to engage with the creativity of Brooklyn and make PortSide an even more valuable asset to the Red Hook community and beyond.

My staff has worked closely with founder Carolina Salguero. She is the epitome of persistence and works with great heart following a great vision. I hope that we can all work together to fulfill that vision.

Sincerely,

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