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Response to my letter.

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Subject: Letter from John Walsh, CEO, Canaveral Port Authority
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From: Melanie Bradford <mbradford@portcanaveral.com>
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Ms. Baer,

Attached is the letter we spoke of.

Regards,

Melanie Bradford



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August 11, 2015

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Re: "Timely Topics" Luncheon Request
Port Canaveral at the Crossroads

Dear Fran,

I was copied on your letter to our Commissioners. Your staff reached out to me to request Port participation in this planned panel debate about port growth. Since the topic is staged as an environmental and opponent view against containers and rail initiatives, I declined to participate as the STB (Surface Transportation Board) project manager specifically verbally requested Port Canaveral not engage in public debate while their ELS process is going on. The STB will review all routes and environmental impacts and make a statement at the appropriate time. Public meetings will be held at that time for input, debate, and public concerns. The STB is a deliberate process.

Port Commissioners have voted to do the STB process and voted on capital expansion for cargo projects through a number of initiatives. These initiatives will create much needed jobs and economic development for this region. The State of the Port, the Port website, and various public presentations are made regularly. Commission meetings are open for public comment and review, and meetings are online. Port staff continues to execute a plan for growth to create jobs.

While we fully respect the LWVSC and topical conversation, it is inappropriate for staff and even our commissioners to engage in this panel as



we agreed to comply with the STB process. A public debate of still unknown STB statements would be inappropriate.

In the future, and after the process, I am fine coming to participate, but I again formally decline due to the STB process under way.

Sincerely,

CANAVERAL PORT AUTHORITY

John E. Walsh
Port Director and CEO

cc: Jerry Allender, Chairman
Hank Evans, Vice Chairman
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