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Dear stakeholders of the Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee (SCC),

It was a pleasure to speak before the SCC at the meeting in June 2019. At the recommendation of the Committee Chair, Alderman Stamper, I write with additional information about Port Milwaukee's work today. In short, Port Milwaukee is the region's multimodal freight transportation hub. Our international trade activities are varied:

- Commercial vessel traffic includes over 200 ports calls annually, featuring U.S. and Canadian flag vessels regularly working on the Great Lakes (for carrying bulk commodities like grain, limestone, cement, scrap metal, and salt)
- Foreign flag vessels (from international ports worldwide) can transit directly to Port Milwaukee via the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Seaway (GLSLS) system
  - o International vessels historically have carried bulk, breakbulk, and other specialty cargoes (including, but not limited to, agricultural products, mining equipment, and steel)
- Port Milwaukee is also a North American inland river port, connecting southeastern Wisconsin to the Mississippi River System
  - o This includes tug-and-barge service for the shipment of steel, manufactured products, scrap metal, asphalt, and other agricultural commodities
- Daily railroad service at Port Milwaukee is provided by both Canadian Pacific (CP) and Union Pacific (UP)
  - o Provides Port Milwaukee with connectivity to East, West, and Gulf Coast ports in addition to direct international, maritime service via the GLSLS

The City of Milwaukee seeks to continually booster the Port's commercial and recreational offerings to new domestic and international customers through:

- Increased utilization of its recently refurbished liquid bulk pier;
- Reinstating Milwaukee's public intermodal container service;
- Expanding waterborne trade through continuous infrastructure reinvestment and preventative asset renewal strategies;
- Reinforcing Milwaukee as a premiere turnaround destination for Great Lakes cruise ships;
- And more!

Port Milwaukee looks forward to developing new and more robust trade relationships between Milwaukee and its sister cities via the Port. Please let me know how I and the Port's staff can best facilitate your use of Milwaukee's multimodal assets for increased international trade. Until then, I encourage you to learn more about the Port at [www.portmilwaukee.com](http://www.portmilwaukee.com).

Best regards,  
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