

# United States Senate

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May 3, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing in support of Mavrik Marine's application to MARAD's Small Shipyard Grants program. Mavrik Marine plans to use grant funding to acquire equipment, including new U.S.-built bridge cranes and other shop equipment. This will increase the shipyard's ability to meet its high workload and reduce operating costs, project delays, and further improve safety for employees.

Founded in 2011 and based in La Conner, Washington, Mavrik Marine has become one of the rural area's largest employers and an important part of Washington State's active maritime industry. It is a fast-growing company which primarily constructs passenger ferries and commercial fishing vessels. Mavrik Marine will utilize grant funding to acquire equipment that will optimize its current operation while allowing capacity for new construction. To meet increasing demand, Mavrik Marine is partnering with the Port of Skagit to expand its facilities and create additional production space, further improving efficiency and making Mavrik Marine more competitive.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration to Mavrik Marine's grant application.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell

United States Senator