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Friday, May 6, 2016

Mr. Dennis W. Farias  
City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council  
City of New Bedford  
Office of the City Clerk, 133 William Street  
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Dear Mr. Farias and City Councilors,

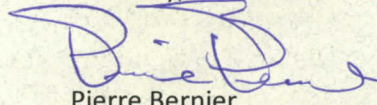
On behalf of Maritime International, I am sending my sincere thank you and words of appreciation for your support of the State Pier Refrigeration Project.

This season we received over 90 million pounds of fresh citrus, this project is important for the port of New Bedford. However, two vessels of fruit were diverted to a Delaware River Port due to the lack of available refrigerated space at State Pier.

Our customers have demonstrated that New Bedford is a viable port option for their freighters and fruit imports. We look forward to the State stepping in and upgrading the DCR facility to a world class refrigerated produce terminal. Many jobs depend on it and the program is good for the local marine and transportation industries. Ships with fresh produce have been calling New Bedford since the beginning of the 80's and with some good effort and focus they will continue to call the Port of New Bedford.

City Councilors, thank you for supporting the port economy and its future growth.

Sincerely,

  
Pierre Bernier  
Global Logistics Specialist  
Maritime International

