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Mr. Jerry A. Bridges
Executive Director
Virginia Inland Port Authority/ Commonwealth of Virginia
600 World Trade Center
Norfolk, Virginia 23510


Dear Mr. Bridges,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal from CenterPoint Properties Trust under Virginia's Public Private Transportation Act of 1995. We have reviewed the documentation provided to determine the effect the proposal will have on the Warren County community. It appears that the facility in Warren County will continue to operate as it does currently under this proposed partnership. The proposal states several times throughout that there will be local economic benefits to the host communities. The document states that CenterPoint's proposal will result in substantially increased payments to host communities for the VPA to administer and distribute.

As the site is developed in the future, a main concern we have is outdoor lighting at the facility. We request that any new light fixtures installed at the site be of the "cutoff" or "shoebox" type to be in compliance with the County's lighting ordinance. By using these fixtures, the amount of glare directed towards adjacent properties will be reduced. We have also requested in the past that the Port consider planting a vegetative screen along the east side of the property along the railroad track to provide a buffer to homes located across the tracks and additional screening along the western edge of the property to comply with the County's landscaping standards along Rt. 340/522. We also encourage the Virginia Inland Port to work with the County to plan for storm water management when planning for future development of the site.

If, in the future, the Virginia Inland Port facility does decide to expand its operations, we would appreciate the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please call me at 540-636-3354.

Sincerely,


Douglas P. Stanley, AICP
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cc: Blair Mitchell, County Attorney
Taryn Logan, Planning Director