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To the Senate of the 153rd General Assembly of the State of Delaware:

In my last letter to you on January 21, 2025, the date of my inauguration, I withdrew nominations to the Diamond State Port Corporation's Board of Directors, which my predecessor made at the end of her two-week term as Governor.

I stressed the need for deliberate consideration of potential appointees to the Diamond State Port Corporation's Board of Directors. The Port is an asset supported by hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars. The Port's board members have significant responsibilities in ensuring the health of an asset that so many Delawareans depend upon for their livelihoods. Although I did not agree with the legal conclusion contained in Senate President Pro Tempore Sokola's response, I was heartened to see there was agreement by the Senate on an approach to a "collective responsibility to decide on the best path forward for this critical infrastructure project and the working families who stand to benefit from its long-term viability."

But yesterday, just eight days after our correspondence, with no prior notice to me or the public, the Senate Executive Committee posted a notice for hearings this morning on the same nominees I have ordered to be withdrawn. I am deeply concerned by the hurried nature of the nominations and the Senate's proceedings.

Yesterday, my legal counsel provided your attorney with authority supporting my ability to withdraw these nominations from the Office of the Governor. The law is clear that those nominations are no longer viable. If the former nominees' hearings continue, I will have no choice but to secure clarity through the courts. Too many lives depend on the stability of the Port and its leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Meyer".

Matthew Meyer
Governor