

Congressman Brady supports Port Security grant proposal (09/26/03)

PHILADELPHIA ---- Congressman Robert A. Brady (D., Pa.) supports a request for a \$2.6 million grant to enhance security at the Port of Philadelphia which has been designated as a Strategic Military Seaport. The Port was also recently selected to lay berth to two LMSR vessels that may be deployed in times of national security.

In a letter to James M. Loy, administrator of the Transportation Security Administration the Congressman said that the Philadelphia Port Authority has concluded that video surveillance, access and perimeter control and terminal lighting need to be enhanced as the result of a recently completed security vulnerability assessment.

Congressman Brady said. "The port is one of this country's leading international seaports that handle a wide diversity of cargoes and the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority has addressed the urgent necessity of enhancing the security of its facilities and its personnel. It has concluded a security vulnerability assessment and has communicated to its terminal operators what must be done to augment security procedures at their facilities."

In conclusion, the Congressman said the awarding of the grant "will be not only in the interest of the Port of Philadelphia but in the national interest as well."