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**PORT FREEPORT COMMISSION ENGAGES IN LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION WITH  
REP. CODY VASUT**

**FREEPORT, TX (February 26, 2021)** – Today the Port Freeport Commission held a special meeting and discussion with State Representative Cody Vasut of House District 25 regarding legislative priorities for the 87th Texas Legislative Session. Rep. Vasut provided an update on legislation he has authored as well as his perspective on the Legislature’s priorities. Port Freeport supports freight mobility and sustainability and improved transportation networks to enhance economic development and job creation in our region to keep Texas competitive.

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranked 6th in chemicals, 17th in foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2019 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 279,780 jobs and has a total economic output of \$149 billion. Port Freeport serves Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., CEMEX, CMA CGM, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products, Exxon Mobile, Freeport LNG, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, MEGlobal, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallaum Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, and Vulcan Materials Company.

Port Freeport is committed to keeping the local community informed of our operations and results. If you have questions or comments about this announcement, please email or call Jessica Follett, Public Affairs Manager.

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**PHOTO CUTLINE: Port Freeport Commission and staff welcome Rep. Cody Vasut for a legislative discussion regarding the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session.**