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September 4, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing in support of The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

The project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods throughout the Port. By addressing poor paving conditions at T-18, the Project will make terminal operations safer and much more efficient and will help reduce pollutants that may contribute to poor water quality.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important investment. I urge you to provide full and fair consideration of The Northwest Seaport Alliance's application, following all rules and regulations. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Triniti Gorbunova, Grants Coordinator, at (425) 793-5180.

Sincerely,

Adam Smith

Member of Congress WA-09

Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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I urge your fair and full consideration of NWSA's application. Should you have any questions, please contact Madeline Monson in my Tacoma District Office at madeline.monson@mail.house.gov or 253-272-3515.

Sincerely,

Emily Randall

Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

September 2, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation US Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I request your full consideration of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) Fiscal Year 2025 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant proposal for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project, Funding Opportunity Number MA-PID-25-001.

The Project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of goods movement into, out of, around, and within the Port. By addressing the poor paving conditions at Terminal 18 (T-18), the Project will make terminal operations safer and more efficient and help reduce pollutants that may contribute to poor water quality.

As the most trade-dependent state in the country, Washington depends heavily on transportation infrastructure. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an essential economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for global trade within the Pacific Northwest. NWSA cargo activity supports 52,000 jobs and \$13.9 billion in economic activity in Washington state, along with a significant share of international exports that originate west of the Mississippi. NWSA managed \$75 billion of waterborne trade with 180 global trading partners in 2024. If awarded funding, the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project will help the NWSA stay competitive in the trans-Pacific trade.

For these reasons, I ask that you give full and fair consideration to The Northwest Seaport Alliance's grant application under the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

Please keep my office informed on the progress of this application and reach out with any questions or concerns. Hannah D'Arche should be your primary contact, and she may be reached in my Issaquah office at 425-657-1001 or by email at hannah.darche@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim Schrier, M.D.

Member of Congress (WA08)

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September 9th, 2025

Mr. Sang Yi **Acting Administrator** Maritime Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Yi,

I am pleased to write in support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application to the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). This funding, if awarded, would support the Terminal 18 (T-18) Modernization Project, a critical infrastructure investment at one of the largest international container terminals on the West Coast of the United States.

As the largest international container terminal operated by NWSA, T-18 serves as a vital economic driver for the Puget Sound region and a hub for trans-Pacific trade. In 2024, NWSA managed \$75 billion in waterborne commerce with 180 global partners. Overall, NWSA's cargo activity supports more than 50,000 jobs and generates \$13.9 billion in economic activity across Washington State. Sustaining this level of impact depends on keeping terminal operations safe, reliable, and competitive.

The T-18 project directly addresses pressing operational challenges. By repairing deteriorating pavement, it will improve truck and cargo flows and reduce maintenance disruptions. In addition, the installation of weigh-in-motion scales at the truck gate will allow accurate weight data to be collected while trucks remain in motion, reducing congestion, cutting driver wait times, and enabling smoother cargo processing.

By modernizing T-18's core facilities and gate technology, this project will strengthen day-to-day operations and secure the Northwest Seaport Alliance's long-term competitiveness in the global supply chain. This investment will deliver lasting benefits to the regional economy and to the broader U.S. trade network. Please give this project your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

Marilvn Strickland Member of Congress

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MEMBER, SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION AND LIMITED GOVERNMENT

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August 27, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing in support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application for funding from the FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). NWSA is requesting funding for the "Terminal 18 Efficiency Project".

NWSA is a marine cargo operating partnership between the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma, representing the fourth-largest container gateway in the United States. It manages container, breakbulk, auto and some bulk terminals in Seattle and Tacoma. NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 52,000 jobs and \$13.9 billion in economic activity in Washington state. NWSA managed \$75 billion of waterborne trade with 180 global trading partners in 2024.

Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest. With PIDP funding, NWSA will address poor paving conditions and install weigh-inmotion scales at the T-18 truck gate. These improvements will make terminal operations safer and more efficient, reduce pollutants and allow for rapid processing of cargo without delays.

The "Terminal 18 Efficiency Project" will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency and reliability of the movement of goods throughout the Port. Improving operational conditions at T-18 as well as upgrading the gate infrastructure is critical to maintaining the NWSA's position as the premier cargo gateway in the Pacific Northwest.

For these reasons, I urge you to give full and due consideration to the NWSA's application for the FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (206) 674-0040 if you have any questions about my support for this grant application.

Sincerely,

PRAMILA JAYAPAL Member of Congress STATE REPRESENTATIVE 36th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT JULIA G. REED

State of Washington House of Representatives



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August 29, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Representative Julia Reed

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WA State House of Representatives, 36th Legislative District

September 9, 2025



The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Port of Seattle is pleased to express our strong support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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We urge your support for federal funding for this important project. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Karen Goon

Deputy Executive Director

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September 4, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: FY25 PIDP - NWSA TERMINAL 18 EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Washington State Department of Transportation supports The Northwest Seaport Alliance's FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for its Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. The NWSA is Washington's largest port system, and this T-18 terminal is its largest international container terminal.

This project supports the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods throughout the Port. By addressing poor paving conditions at T-18, the project will make terminal operations safer and much more efficient and will help reduce pollutants that may contribute to poor water quality.

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WSDOT urges you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Julie Meredith, PE

Secretary of Transportation

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ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON STATE

September 8, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Customs Brokers & International Freight Forwarders Association of Washington State is pleased to express our support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Paige Skeen

Secretary of CBIFFAWS (Customs Brokers & International Freight Forwarders Association of Washington State



September 4, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Support for the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project.

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA), I am writing in support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 (T-18) Efficiency Project. T-18 is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest. PMSA represents marine terminal operators, container shipping lines, and others involved in the West Coast logistics industry.

This project perfectly aligns with PIDP program goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of goods movement through this key gateway terminal. By addressing poor paving conditions at T-18, the project will make terminal operations safer and much more efficient thereby reducing costs, energy use and pollutants further improving air and water quality. Industry operates best when systems and infrastructure are safe, reliable and efficient.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important investment, and we look forward to continuing to work with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Trump Administration to continue progress toward growing our economy, increasing our global competitiveness, and strengthening the nation's transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Captain Mike Moore

Vice President

cc: Northwest Seaport Alliance







The Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Specialty Soya and Grains Alliance is pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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Moreover, NWSA is a critical gateway for US value-added, Identity Preserved specialty grains and oilseeds. These improvements better assure global competitiveness and market share for US farmers,

I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Gary D Williams

Director, Transportation and Regulatory Affairs



The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Washington Apple Commission is pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Schadler

President, Washington Apple Commission



The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Washington Council on International Trade (WCIT) is pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Lori Otto Punke

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Lori Otto Punke President, WCIT



September 9, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Washington State Hay Growers Association is pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application. fa

Sincerely,

Andrew Eddie President, WSHGA



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September 8, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The Washington State Potato Commission is pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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The Washington State potato industry is heavily reliant on trade with the Pacific Rim. We export 50-70% of our crop each year through the NW Seaport Alliance. I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Chris Voigt

Executive Director

105 S. 18th Street, Suite 116 - Yakima, WA 98901 - 509-452-8555

September 9, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing to express the support of the Washington State Tree Fruit Association (WSTFA) for the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest. The NWSA, a partnership between the ports of Seattle and Tacoma, is the fourth largest gateway for containerized cargo in North America.

WSTFA represents the growers, packers, and marketers of apples, pears, cherries and other tree fruits in Washington State. Thirty percent of our members' production is exported, much of it through the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma. Central and Eastern Washington depend on the ability to get crops to foreign markets. Washington alone exports \$6.5 billion in goods through our ports each year, supporting nearly 400,000 jobs. Agricultural goods are a large percentage of those exports including \$497 million in apples and \$243 million in cherries.

The Terminal 18 Efficiency Project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods throughout the Port. By addressing poor paving conditions at T-18, the Project will make terminal operations safer and much more efficient and will help reduce pollutants that may contribute to poor water quality.

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Washington's tree fruit industry is one of the state's largest agricultural exporters and depends on efficiency through the Northwest Seaport Alliance to reach global markets. These highly perishable products must move quickly and efficiently through port facilities to preserve quality and meet the strict standards of international buyers. Reliable, strong port infrastructure is essential to keep these exports moving competitively and without disruption. Investments in terminal effectiveness, capacity, and resiliency will directly benefit growers, packers, and sustain jobs in rural communities by ensuring timely delivery of our Northwest tree fruit.

We urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Ranie L. Haas

Director of Regulatory and Industry Affairs Washington State Tree Fruit Association Mark Miller Chairman Pasha Logistics

Jeff Bosma

1st Vice Chair Fast Way Freight System, Inc.

> Everett Billingslea 2nd Vice Chair Lynden, Inc.

John Barnes 3rd Vice Chair TEC Equipment, Inc.

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Matt Ewers
Immediate Past Chair
ATA State VP
IEDS Logistics

Sheri Call
President & CEO
Washington Trucking Associations



September 4, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

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The trucking industry has seen firsthand how these types of improvements contribute to efficiency, productivity, and preserving valuable equipment in the process of serving import/export trades and our customers. WTA strongly supports this funding request for much needed upgrades. I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Sheri Call

President & CEO

Washington Trucking Associations



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LOCAL 19

September 5, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590 MARK ELVERSTON

President

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Dear Secretary Duffy:

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Longshoremen in the Port of Seattle work daily on the terminal. They should be assured they are working in a reliably maintained environment, allowing them to work safely and efficiently.

I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Mark Elverston

ILWU Local 19 President



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The Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

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ILWU Local 52 is pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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Local 52 members are employed as chiefs, supercargoes, planners, and marine clerk supervisors at Terminal 18 daily. As we drive around the yard directing cargo operations, having a safe and streamlined operation is critical for us to move cargo efficiently. Additionally, smoother surfaces will greatly reduce injury risk. Currently the pavement is in such disarray that we often avoid driving in certain areas of the container yard to avoid injury. T18 is long overdue for paving improvements and this project will ensure we have a safe environment to work in for decades to come.

I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Kesa Sten President ILWU Local 52

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The Honorable Sean Duffy
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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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F.C. Bloxom Company is pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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In our industry the ability to quickly and efficiently move fresh produce is vital for competitive success. Any delays that occur can make the difference between a successful, job generating export, and a costly quality claim. We support any and all improvements to the infrastructure of the NWSA's terminal operations. The faster that we can move our cargo, the more likely we are to succeed and the more likely American produce will succeed in the hyper competitive international marketplace.

I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

Brvan Gonzalez:

Export Sales at F.C. Bloxom Company

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590



Dear Secretary Duffy:

Regalo International LLC is pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. Terminal 18 (T-18) is the NWSA's largest international container terminal, an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region, and a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest.

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As someone deeply committed to operational excellence, sustainable infrastructure, and regional economic development, I believe this project represents a forward-thinking solution to the challenges facing modern port logistics. I respectfully urge your full consideration and support for this vital initiative.

I urge you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

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General Manager West Coast Operations

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