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

RE: The Northwest Seaport Alliance Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for Terminal 18 Efficiency Project

Dear Secretary Duffy:

Our mission at the Minot Area Chamber EDC (MACEDC) is to advocate for and invest in business activity by being a collaborative partner in the community, focused on improving quality of life for all. MACEDC supports key initiatives that build and strengthen our economy and those partners that make our economy grow and thrive. For these reasons, we are grateful to provide a letter of support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) FY25 grant application for the Port Infrastructure Development Program for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project.

One of MACEDC's key pillars of focus is economic development, and as part of that effort, we own a premier inland intermodal facility in Minot, ND. This facility ships near weekly unit trains full of locally grown and locally processed crops from the heart of North Dakota to the NWSA's ports in Seattle. This opportunity, for producers and processors in North Dakota and surrounding states to ship internationally, is a vital component to increasing the value of American-grown products. We support the NWSA's efforts to address poor pavement conditions at Terminal 18 in Seattle with this grant. We believe that the paving element of the project will make terminal operations safer and much more efficient and will help reduce pollutants that may contribute to poor water quality. A safer and more efficient service in Seattle will make the supply chain infrastructure more resilient year-round and increase long-term reliability for the Minot Intermodal Facility and those growers and processors in the upper Midwest that use this facility.

We wholeheartedly support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's application to secure a Port Infrastructure Development Program grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Sincerely,

Brekka Kramer
President | CEO
Minot Area Chamber EDC