



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.

The project also includes the installation of weigh-in-motion scales at the T-18 truck gate, which will save truck drivers time by keeping traffic moving while accurately capturing weight related data at the terminal. When integrated into existing processes, weigh-in-motion technology allows for rapid processing of cargo without stoppage and delays.

The project will help the NWSA stay competitive in the trans-Pacific trade. 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MR Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "M" and "R" being particularly prominent.

Captain Mike Moore
Vice President

cc: Northwest Seaport Alliance