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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

September 11, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I write in support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application to the *U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)*, for the Terminal 18 (T-18) Efficiency Project.

As the NWSA's largest international container terminal, T-18 is an important economic driver in the Puget Sound region and serves as a hub for international trade within the Pacific Northwest. This project closely aligns with the core goals of the PIDP, by enhancing the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods within the Port. By addressing the deteriorating pavement conditions at T-18, this project will significantly improve terminal operation safety and efficiency, while reducing pollutants that impact water quality.

Additionally, this project includes the installation of weigh-in-motion scales at the T-18 truck gate, which will streamline terminal entry, reduce truck congestion, and save valuable time for truck drivers, while maintaining accurate cargo weight tracking. When integrated into current gate operations, this new weigh-in-motion technology will allow faster processing of cargo without interruptions.

The NWSA's impact on the regional and national economy is substantial, supporting more than 52,000 jobs and generating \$13.9 billion in economic activity across Washington state. In 2024 alone, the NWSA managed \$75 billion in waterborne trade with over 180 global trading partners. Washington is one of the most trade-dependent states in our country, and investments like the T-18 Efficiency Project are essential to help the NWSA remain competitive in trans-Pacific trade, and to maintain its role as the premier cargo gateway in the Pacific Northwest.

For the above reasons, I ask for your full and fair consideration of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's application to *USDOT's Port Infrastructure Development Program*. For any questions and notifications related to this grant application, please reach out to Shelby.kremenich@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



Rep. Suzan K. DelBene
Member of Congress