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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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-in-motion 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