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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,

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Member of Congress (WA08)