

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4709

September 4, 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) FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for the Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. 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.

The project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods throughout the Port. By addressing poor paving conditions at T-18, the Project will make terminal operations safer and much more efficient and will help reduce pollutants that may contribute to poor water quality.

The proposed 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.

NWSA cargo activity supports 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. The Terminal 18 Efficiency 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. I urge you to provide full and fair consideration of The Northwest Seaport Alliance's application, following all rules and regulations. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Triniti Gorbunova, Grants Coordinator, at (425) 793-5180.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
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