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September 9th, 2025

Mr. Sang Yi
Acting Administrator
Maritime Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Yi,

I am pleased to write in support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application to the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). This funding, if awarded, would support the Terminal 18 (T-18) Modernization Project, a critical infrastructure investment at one of the largest international container terminals on the West Coast of the United States.

As the largest international container terminal operated by NWSA, T-18 serves as a vital economic driver for the Puget Sound region and a hub for trans-Pacific trade. In 2024, NWSA managed \$75 billion in waterborne commerce with 180 global partners. Overall, NWSA's cargo activity supports more than 50,000 jobs and generates \$13.9 billion in economic activity across Washington State. Sustaining this level of impact depends on keeping terminal operations safe, reliable, and competitive.

The T-18 project directly addresses pressing operational challenges. By repairing deteriorating pavement, it will improve truck and cargo flows and reduce maintenance disruptions. In addition, the installation of weigh-in-motion scales at the truck gate will allow accurate weight data to be collected while trucks remain in motion, reducing congestion, cutting driver wait times, and enabling smoother cargo processing.

By modernizing T-18's core facilities and gate technology, this project will strengthen day-to-day operations and secure the Northwest Seaport Alliance's long-term competitiveness in the global supply chain. This investment will deliver lasting benefits to the regional economy and to the broader U.S. trade network. Please give this project your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Strickland
Member of Congress