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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: FY25 PIDP – NWSA TERMINAL 18 EFFICIENCY PROJECT

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Washington State Department of Transportation supports The Northwest Seaport Alliance's FY25 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application for its Terminal 18 Efficiency Project. The NWSA is Washington's largest port system, and this T-18 terminal is its largest international container terminal.

This project supports 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 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 unnecessary 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. 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.

WSDOT urges you to support this important project for federal funding. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NWSA's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Julie Meredith".

Julie Meredith, PE
Secretary of Transportation