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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of Transportation

U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

I am writing to express my strong support for the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program for the Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction project.

NWSA is a marine cargo operating partnership of the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma, representing the fourth-largest container gateway in the United States. It manages the container, breakbulk, auto and some bulk terminals in Seattle and Tacoma.

The Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction project will improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the port. The increased volume of exports resulting from the project will increase our country's competitiveness and benefit the supply chain. It will serve to increase the efficiency of exports (primarily agricultural exports) while reducing carbon emissions through both electrification and reduced truck queuing. The NWSA set a goal to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2050, demonstrating leadership in proactively addressing climate change and achieving environmental justice. The project will help NWSA accomplish their goal while supporting 58,400 jobs and more than \$4 billion in labor income across the state.

This project is a significant port infrastructure investment that improves the competitiveness of a key U.S. trade gateway. That is why I strongly support the Northwest Seaport Alliance's application for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program. 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