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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Secretary Buttigieg:

As the world's largest home improvement retailer and the country's third-largest importer, The Home Depot is pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA)'s 2022 grant application for the US Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) to support the NWSA's Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction Project. This Project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the Port and will increase the volume and efficiency of exports while reducing carbon emissions through reduced truck queuing.

With six distribution centers in Washington, THD sees the value of increasing investments in NWSA marine cargo operations. As a partner to the Administration and White House on addressing supply chain disruption, we understand the importance of helping to restore balance in the supply chain. Updating and streamlining NWSA operations are critical to help achieve these goals and support the more than 58,400 jobs these operations employ.

We strongly endorse this project as a next step in modernizing a key US trade gateway and levelling the playing field between US and Canadian seaports and supply chains. The pandemic-era surge in consumer demand exposed weaknesses in our nation's supply chain. Expanding port capacity, safety, and reliability is essential to avoiding further disruption as well as growing US business. We urge you to fully fund the Port's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah Galica".

Sarah Galica  
Vice President – Transportation  
The Home Depot