

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

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States

Subject: NWSA Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to request your full consideration of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application for the 2022 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant for its 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. This project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the Seattle Port.

This project will also allow NWSA to perform better against international competition while meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. Key components of the project include construction of a new truck gate complex aimed at reducing traffic congestion and emissions, development of a new container yard, and a 5.4 acre terminal expansion. The NWSA has been a national leader in proactively addressing climate change, environmental justice, and racial equity issues—well in advance of the current federal guidance in these areas.

The benefits of this project to Washington State and the 8th Congressional District will be considerable. NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than \$4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy. By expanding capacity at the NWSA, the project will increase access to international markets for U.S. farmers and manufacturers. Agricultural producers in my District regularly depend on the NWSA as their fastest and most cost-effective option for shipping price-sensitive agricultural products such as hay, apples, and potatoes.

Increasing exports will not only help our nation's exporting industries, but also help restore balance to the overall supply chain and empty container access for U.S. agricultural producers and other exporters that ship their products across the globe.

For these reasons I urge your full and fair consideration of the Port's application to the PIDP grant program. Please keep my office informed on the progress of this application and reach out with any questions or concerns. Wendy Muzzy should be your primary contact, and she may be reached in my District office at 425-657-1001 or by email at wendy.muzzy@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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