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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write in support for the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application to the *U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)* for the Terminal 5 Export, Expansion, and Emissions Reduction project. This funding would allow the NWSA to better compete internationally while also meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. Currently the NWSA's marine cargo operations support 58,400 jobs and more than \$4 billion in labor income across Washington state's economy.

The Terminal 5 project would support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods. It would increase the volume and efficiency of exports, most significantly agricultural exports, while reducing carbon emissions through both electrification and reduced truck queuing. Increasing exports will not only help our nation's exporting industries, but also aid in restoring balance to the supply chain and empty shipping container access for U.S. agricultural producers and other exporters that ship products globally. 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 Port has plans and programs with measurable outcomes in these areas. This project is a key next step in modernizing a critical U.S. trade gateway and levelling the playing field between U.S. and Canadian seaports and supply chains. For these reasons, I request your full and fair consideration of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's application for funding through the *Port Infrastructure Development Program*.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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