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May 12, 2022

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

RE: Support for the NWSA Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction Project

Dear Honorable Buttigieg:

Washington State House Representative Matt Boehnke is pleased to express my support for the 2022 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application submitted by The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) for its 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. As demonstrated in the application, the project will increase the volume and efficiency of exports (principally agricultural exports) while reducing carbon emissions through electrification and reduced truck queuing.

Increasing exports will help our nation's export industries and 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.

The Terminal 5 project will allow NWSA to better compete against international competition while also meeting its zero carbon emissions by 2050. The NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than \$4 billion in labor income across the Washington State economy.

I strongly endorse this project to modernize a key U.S. trade gateway and level the playing field between U.S. and Canadian seaports and supply chains.

I am particularly proud of the national leadership that the NWSA has taken to proactively address climate change, environmental and racial equity issues—well in advance of the current federal guidance in these areas. I urge you to fully fund the Port's application to the PIDP Grant Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Boehnke", with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

**Rep. Matt Boehnke**  
Washington State Representative  
8<sup>th</sup> Legislative District