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Rear Admiral Anne C. Phillips, USN (Ret.)
Administrator
Department of Transportation Maritime Administration
1600 New Jersey Ave, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Administrator Phillips,

I am writing in support of Everett Ship Repair's application to the Maritime Administration (MARAD) FY2023 Small Shipyard Grant Program.

Everett Ship Repair is requesting \$1.16 million in MARAD Small Shipyard grant funding for the purchase of a 140 ton Telescopic Crawler Crane. This crane will enable the yard to improve its ship repair efficiency and quality, and will directly support the operations of two drydocks at the Everett Ship Repair facility. The Yard's two drydocks support maritime operations in and around the Puget Sound, including the Washington State Ferry system, municipal ferry systems, and the fishing industry. The yard's drydocks also support the drydocking of towing vessels subject to new Coast Guard inspection requirements adding to the drydock capacity needs at the yard and throughout the region.

Everett Ship Repair will also support the development of offshore wind energy by providing drydocking and maintenance services to vessels involved in installing and servicing wind farms, including wind turbine installation vessels and crew transfer vessels. The Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management recently held a lease sale for areas on the Outer Continental Shelf off of Central and Northern California which will require drydock and other maritime support services.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of Everett Ship Repair's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Cantwell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator