

United States Senate

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A. Leonard Smith
Economic Development Administration
Jackson Federal Building, Room, 1890
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98174-1001

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing in support of the Port of Camas-Washougal's application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance program.

According to the Port, requests for space in the industrial park is at an all-time high, and the Port is unable to meet this demand. The Port of Camas-Washougal is home to 54 businesses which employ over 1,000 community members. For the past six years, it has maintained a 100% occupancy rate for nearly 350,000 square feet of industrial space. Development of 14% more space will allow the Port flexibility in the size of their leasable bays in order to maximize use of space by a variety of businesses.

Funds for this project will help construct Building 20, a new 50,000-square foot industrial building. The industrial building will help advance local economic growth and development by attracting new business to the Port's industrial park in Washougal. The mission of the Port is to strengthen and diversify the economic base in East Clark County and further development of its industrial park is a significant step toward accomplishing this goal.

I gladly support the Port of Camas-Washougal's application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance grant. Thank you for your full and for consideration of their application.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell
United States Senator