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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4705

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Administrator Amit Bose
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose,

I am writing in support of Tacoma Rail's application to the FY22 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program. Tacoma Rail is requesting \$4.1 million in CRISI funding for the purchase of two new battery-electric freight locomotives. The purchase of these battery-electric freight locomotives will help Tacoma Rail and the entire Port of Tacoma region continue to make progress on emission reductions and significant improvements to fuel efficiency operations.

Tacoma Rail and the Northwest Seaport Alliance are committed to reducing air and climate pollution through the 2020 Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy. This strategy aims to phase out emissions from seaport-related activities by 2050, resulting in cleaner air for local communities.

Tacoma Rail, the Northwest Seaport Alliance, and the Port of Tacoma have a longstanding operating partnership in Tacoma Harbor. A partnership that supports the regional and national economies safely, reliably, and efficiently. The technology improvements of a battery-electric locomotive will help them continue that vital service to the broader economy in a way that aligns with their collective values for environmental protection.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the Tacoma Rail's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Cantwell".

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator