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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application to the Fiscal Year 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP), for the Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project. NWSA is seeking \$56.6 million dollars to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of cargo movement at the Port of Tacoma.

The Northwest Seaport Alliance is a port authority in the Puget Sound region and includes the Port of Tacoma, of which Husky Terminal is a part, and the Port of Seattle. NWSA seeks PIDP funding to improve and expand Husky Terminal. First, the container storage yard will be reconfigured by relocating utilities and drains, paving and adjusting terminal grade, and striping pavement, allowing for more container storage space. This increase in space will boost NWSA's exporting capacity and access to empty shipping containers.

Second, more reefer racks will be installed. Forty new reefer racks will be installed and existing power infrastructure will be upgraded to support the increase in power demand. These new reefer racks will greatly benefit agricultural exporters who rely on refrigerated containers to ship goods. Finally, terminal support facilities will be relocated to support more efficient use of Husky Terminal. With greater efficiency, the emissions of Husky Terminal will be greatly reduced as vessels shorten their berth and truck routing around the terminal is improved. Additionally, Husky Terminal is surrounded by a historically disadvantaged community that will benefit both from the emissions reduction of the terminal and the new jobs created by the project.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's application to the FY2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program.

Sincerely,

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

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator