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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Stephen Carmel
Administrator
U.S. Maritime Administrator
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy and Administrator Carmel,

I am writing in support of Everett Ship Repair's application to the Department of Transportation Maritime Administration's Small Shipyard grant program. Everett Ship Repair is seeking \$1.11 million for three integrated shipyard capacity and workforce projects.

Located in Everett, Washington, Everett Ship Repair is a full-service ship repair, maintenance, and conversion yard operating on four acres leased from the Port of Everett along Port Gardner's East Waterway. The site has supported shipbuilding and ship repair since World War I, and the company has successfully repaired almost 100 ships at drydock in recent years, including for the Washington State Ferries and the U.S. Navy. Its facility includes three floating drydocks, most notably the 35,000 long-ton Hercules, the largest floating drydock in the Pacific Northwest. Everett Ship Repair holds a Master Ship Repair Agreement with the U.S. Navy and is an approved service provider for the destroyers home-ported at Naval Station Everett. They also anticipate providing support for the forthcoming frigate program.

The yard currently faces operational bottlenecks that limit its capacity to serve Navy and commercial customers. The Hercules lacks a permanent shore-power tie-in, requiring costly, emissions-intensive diesel generator rentals. Two pier-side cranes must serve three drydocks, forcing frequent equipment rentals to support larger lifts. Furthermore, a regional shortage of skilled labor and specialized certifications continues to constrain maritime workforce growth in Snohomish County.

If successful, Everett Ship Repair will use this funding for three integrated projects: installing a 15kV/200 amp shore-power connection to the Hercules, purchasing a Build America, Buy America-compliant 85-ton Link-Belt RT85 rough terrain crane, and establishing in-house workforce training in Non-Destructive Examination, electrical work, and welding qualification. Together, these investments are projected to reduce emissions, strengthen domestic ship repair capacity adjacent to Naval Station Everett, and save over \$250,000 annually.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of Everett Ship Repair's application to the Small Shipyard grant program.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell

United States Senator