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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Subject: Support for NWSA Husky Terminal Expansion Part One

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to request your full consideration of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application for the Fiscal Year 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant for its Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project. NWSA is a marine cargo operating partnership of the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma, representing the fourth-largest container gateway in the United States. This project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the Port.

The expansion will densify a busy international container terminal, adding capacity and optimizing storage. The Project will also significantly lower carbon emissions by installing power infrastructure needed to support electrification and minimizing the time that vessels are required to stay at berth. Husky Terminal, located in Tacoma's tideflats, is surrounded by a historically disadvantaged community that will benefit from lower emissions.

Increased reefer capacity will support agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years of supply chain upheaval. B*y* expanding capacity at the NWSA, the project will increase access to international markets for U.S. farmers and manufacturers. Agricultural producers in my District regularly depend on the NWSA as their fastest and most cost-effective option for shipping price-sensitive agricultural products such as hay, apples, and potatoes.

The Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project will allow NWSA to better compete in international markets while meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. For these reasons I urge your full and fair consideration of the Port's application to the PIDP grant program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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