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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for NWSA Husky Terminal Expansion Part One

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am pleased to write in support of The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application to the Department of Transportation (DOT) FY 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) for its Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project. Husky Terminal, located in Tacoma's tide flats, is surrounded by a historically disadvantaged community that will benefit from both lower emissions and new jobs.

This project aims to densify a busy international container terminal, adding capacity and optimizing storage. This project also seeks to significantly lower carbon emissions by installing power infrastructure needed to support electrification and minimizing the time that vessels are required to stay at berth. Increased reefer capacity will also benefit agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years of supply chain upheaval.

Improving export capacity will not only help our nation's exporting industries, but also help restore balance to the overall supply chain and access to empty containers for U.S. exporters that ship their products across the globe. The Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project will allow NWSA to better compete in international markets while also meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. We strongly support this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports and supply chains.

It is for these reasons that I support NWSA's application to the DOT FY 2023 PIDP for its Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project, and I urge your fair and full consideration of their proposal. Should you have any questions, please contact Emma Abraham in my Tacoma district office at Emma.Abraham@mail.house.gov or 253-272-3515.

Sincerely,

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