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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application for funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). NWSA is requesting funding for the "Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project".

NWSA is a marine cargo operating partnership between the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma, representing the fourth-largest container gateway in the United States. It manages the container, breakbulk, auto and some bulk terminals in Seattle and Tacoma. Husky Terminal is located in the City of Tacoma's tideflats. The community surrounding the terminal is historically disadvantaged and will benefit from reduced emissions and new job opportunities.

With PIDP funding, NWSA will expand and improve Husky Terminal. The project will densify a busy international container terminal, adding capacity and optimizing storage. It will also significantly lower carbon emissions by installing the 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 help our nation's exporting industries. It will also help restore balance to the overall supply chain and access to empty containers for U.S. exporters that ship products around the world. 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. This project will support PIDP goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the port. Husky Terminal is an integral part of port operations in the Pacific Northwest and has a significant impact on Washington's 7th Congressional District.

This project is a significant port infrastructure investment that improves the competitiveness of a key U.S. trade gateway. That is why I strongly support the Northwest Seaport Alliance's application for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (206) 674-0040 if you have any questions about my support for this grant application.

Sincerely,



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