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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA)'s application for the 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant to fund their Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project.

The Husky Terminal Expansion Project supports PIDP's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through Tacoma Port. It will also densify a busy international container terminal, adding capacity and optimizing storage. Increased reefer capacity will also benefit agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years of supply chain upheaval. The installation of power infrastructure will support electrification and minimize the time that vessels are required to stay at berth. Through this project, NWSA hopes to better compete in international markets while also meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. Notably, Husky Terminal is surrounded by a historically disadvantaged community that will particularly benefit from both lower emissions and new jobs.

Thank you for your attention to NWSA's application. I urge you to give their application full and fair consideration, following all applicable rules and regulations. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Jena Yang, Grants Director, at (425) 793-5180.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
Member of Congress WA09

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