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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to ask for full and fair consideration for the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) grant application for its Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project under the 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP).

This project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the Port. According to the NWSA, the project will densify a busy international container terminal, adding capacity and optimizing storage while minimizing the time that vessels are required to stay at berth. The benefit that increased reefer capacity at Husky Terminal will provide to agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years because of the supply chain upheaval, is critical to my district and its farmers.

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. Additionally, according to NWSA, this project is 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.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Kristina Sabestinas in my Spokane office, at kristina.sabestinas@mail.house.gov or 509-353-2374.

Sincerely,

Cathy McMorris Rodgers
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