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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Secretary Buttigieg:

As the world's largest home improvement retailer and the country's third-largest importer, The Home Depot is pleased to express support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA)'s 2023 grant application for the US Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). The Northwest Seaport Alliance has requested $53.9M in grant support, that will help fund the Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project at the Port of Tacoma, which has a total cost of $179.9M. The Project will densify the terminal and reduce carbon emissions, as well as benefit agricultural exporters and the historically disadvantaged communities around the terminal.

With six distribution centers in Washington, THD sees the value of increasing investments in NWSA marine cargo operations. As a partner to the Administration and White House on addressing supply chain disruption, we understand the importance of enhancing our supply chain's sustainability. Expanding the Port of Tacoma's operations is critical to helping achieve these goals and supporting the tens of thousands of jobs these operations employ.

We strongly endorse this project as a next step in modernizing a key US trade gateway and levelling the playing field between US and Canadian seaports and supply chains. The Northwest Seaport Alliance shares this dedication to the American consumer via its commitment to ensuring consumer goods transit through the Port as quickly, cost effectively, and sustainably as possible. Through investment in the efficiency and sustainability of the nation's supply chain, the Port plays an essential role in amplifying the vitality of the U.S economy. We urge you to fully fund the Port's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Sarah Galica
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The Home Depot

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