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

I request your full and fair consideration of the Fiscal Year 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application submitted by The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) 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 will support PIDP goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the Port. The project will densify a busy international container terminal, which will add capacity and optimize storage. The project will also significantly lower carbon emissions by installing power infrastructure needed to support electrification and by minimizing the time that vessels are required to stay at berth. Increased reefer capacity will also benefit agricultural exporters who have been adversely affected during the supply chain upheaval.

Improving export capacity will restore balance to the overall supply chain and increase access to empty containers for U.S. exporters that ship their products worldwide. The Husky Terminal expansion will allow NWSA to better compete in international markets and help meet its goal of zero-carbon emissions by 2050. This project marks an important next step in making Tacoma, a key U.S. trade gateway, more efficient; in turn, it will improve the Puget Sound region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports and supply chains.

For these reasons, I ask that you give full and fair consideration to The Northwest Seaport Alliance's application to fully fund the Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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