April 14, 2023

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

Subject: Support for NWSA Husky Terminal Expansion Part One

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA), I write to express support for 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.

PNWA has over 150 members, including ports, barge companies, steamship operators, grain elevator operators, agricultural producers, electric utilities, irrigation districts, and union labor throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Our association supports projects to advance and protect the region's navigation infrastructure, freight mobility, economic health, and the environment. We support the region's multi-modal transportation system, which provides safe, efficient, and reliable links to competitive domestic and world markets. The Northwest Seaport Alliance is one of our valued members.

Husky Terminal, located in Tacoma's tideflats, 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. As demonstrated in the application, the project will densify a busy international container terminal, adding capacity and optimizing storage. The project will also significantly lower carbon emissions by installing power infrastructure needed to support electrification and minimizing the time vessels are required to stay at berth. Increased refrigerated storage capacity will also benefit agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years of supply chain upheaval.

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. The Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project will allow the NWSA to better compete in international markets while also meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. PNWA supports this project as a next step in making this key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports and supply chains. PNWA appreciates your full and fair consideration for full funding for the NWSA's Husky Terminal Expansion Part One application.

Sincerely,

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