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April 24, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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United States

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

I am proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

The Project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, and within the Port. The Project is a set of improvements to Pierce County Terminal in the NWSA's South Harbor that will make the cargo terminal more energy efficient, expand capacity for refrigerated containers, and modernize the transfer zone to allow the terminal to operate more cost-effectively.

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The Project will also allow the NWSA to advance its Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy goal of eliminating seaport-related emissions by 2050. **The NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than $4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy.**

I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Warmest regards,

Kelly

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May 8, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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United States

Re: Support for the Northwest Seaport Alliance grant application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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Sincerely,



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April 24, 2024

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Sincerely,

Joe Fitzgibbon

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April 29, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application for funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). NWSA is requesting funding for the "Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project."

NWSA is a marine cargo operating partnership between the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma, representing the fourth-largest container gateway in the United States. It manages the container, breakbulk, auto and some bulk terminals in Seattle and Tacoma. NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than $4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy.

With PIDP funding, NWSA will complete three projects focused on saving energy, lowering costs and improving the safety of operations at the Pierce County Terminal (PCT). First, NWSA will replace all light fixtures in the PCT with energy-efficient LEDs. Second, NWSA will repave the PCT transfer zone to address safety concerns from degradation. Finally, NWSA will install new racks and electrical plugs for refrigerated containers to operate on clean energy instead of diesel fuel.

The "Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project" will improve the safety and reliability of the movement of goods through the port. The upgrades will result in important safety improvements for workers and truck drivers in the terminal, as well as significantly reduced greenhouse gas and diesel particulate matter emissions from refrigerated containers. The project will also allow NWSA to advance its Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy goal of eliminating seaport-related emissions by 2050. It will preserve and create good-paying jobs in the marine cargo industry by helping to retain ocean carriers and secure future ship services. By doing so, agricultural producers and farmers in Washington will have greater access to international markets.

This project is a significant port infrastructure investment that will improve efficiency and reduce the emissions of a key U.S. marine cargo terminal. That is why I strongly support the Northwest Seaport Alliance's application for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port

Infrastructure Development Grant Program. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (206) 674-0040 if you have any questions about my support for this grant application.

Sincerely,



PRAMILA JAYAPAL
Member of Congress

DEREK KILMER
6TH DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

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April 26th, 2024

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

I am pleased today to write in strong support of The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration's (MARAD) 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program for funding to support the *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project*. This funding, if awarded, will support efforts to improve the Pierce County Terminal in NWSA's South Harbor, located in Tacoma, Washington.

The project seeks to make the cargo terminal more energy efficient, expand capacity for refrigerated containers, and modernize the transfer zone to allow the terminal to operate more cost-effectively through a number of planned improvements. These improvements include:

- The upgrade of terminal lighting to LED;
- The addition of 198 outlets for refrigerated containers, enabling this essential equipment to run on clean electricity instead of diesel generators, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the terminal;
- The rebuilding of the deteriorating "transfer zone" where containers are transferred from large straddle carriers to drayage trucks. The current transfer zone's paving is deteriorating and poses a safety hazard to both workers and drivers at the terminal; and
- The construction of reefer racks, which will enable the terminal to handle refrigerated exports more efficiently.

These improvements will support the local economy by increasing the competitiveness of exports and reducing costs for farmers, ranchers, and other producers seeking to get their goods to international markets. In particular, this project will specifically benefit Northwest agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years of supply chain upheaval in the region. Additionally, these improvements will enable the NWSA to advance its Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy goal of eliminating seaport-related emissions by 2050.

This project will support marine cargo operations that provide more than 58,400 jobs and more than $4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy, ensuring its resiliency and efficiency for years to come. It is for these reasons that I strongly support the NWSA's application for funding through MARAD's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program, and I urge your fair and full consideration of their proposal. Should you have any questions, please contact Emma Abraham in my Tacoma district office at Emma.Abraham@mail.house.gov or 253-272-3515.

Sincerely,



Derek Kilmer
Member of Congress

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MARI LEAVITT, PhD

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April 24, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

The Project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, and within the Port. The Project is a set of improvements to Pierce County Terminal in the NWSA's South Harbor that will make the cargo terminal more energy efficient, expand capacity for refrigerated containers, and modernize the transfer zone to allow the terminal to operate more cost-effectively.

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The Project will also allow the NWSA to advance its Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy goal of eliminating seaport-related emissions by 2050. The NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than $4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy.

I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Mari Leavitt

Rep. Mari Leavitt
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April 23, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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United States

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

The Project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, and within the Port. The Project is a set of improvements to Pierce County Terminal in the NWSA's South Harbor that will make the cargo terminal more energy efficient, expand capacity for refrigerated containers, and modernize the transfer zone to allow the terminal to operate more cost-effectively.

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I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

I appreciate your consideration of NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Nicole Macri

Nicole Macri
State Representative
43rd Legislative District

CONGRESSWOMAN MARILYN STRICKLAND
10TH DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

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May 8, 2024

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

I am writing in strong support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP).

The *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* supports PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, and within the Port of Tacoma. The project proposes needed improvements to Pierce County Terminal in NWSA's South Harbor to upgrade the cargo terminal to be more energy efficient, expand capacity for refrigerated containers, and modernize the transfer zone to allow the terminal to operate more cost-effectively.

The NWSA marine cargo operations support 58,400 jobs and more than $4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy. Expanding refrigerated capacity at the terminal benefits Northwest agricultural exporters, who have undergone several difficult years of supply chain upheaval. This support helps the Terminal increase its export competitiveness and reduce costs to U.S. goods producers in getting products to international markets. It also advances NWSA's Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy's crucial goal of eliminating seaport-related emissions by 2050.

I support this project as the next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports and supply chains.

I ask for your full and fair consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland (WA-10)

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Congress of the United States
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May 2, 2024

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

Subject: Support for NWSA Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write to request your full consideration of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application for the Fiscal Year 2024 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant for its Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project.

The Project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, and within the Port. The proposed set of improvements to Pierce County Terminal in the NWSA's South Harbor will make the cargo terminal more energy efficient, expand capacity for refrigerated containers, and modernize the transfer zone to allow the terminal to operate more cost-effectively.

Expanding refrigerated capacity at the terminal will benefit Northwest agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years of supply chain upheaval. The Project will increase the competitiveness of exports and reduce costs to U.S. farmers, ranchers, and other producers in getting their goods to international markets.

The Project will also allow the NWSA to advance its Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy goal of eliminating seaport-related emissions by 2050. The NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than $4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy. Agricultural producers in my District depend on the NWSA as their fastest and most cost-effective option for shipping price-sensitive agricultural products such as hay, apples, and potatoes.

For these reasons I urge your full and fair consideration of the Port's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Kim Schrier, M.D.
Member of Congress, WA08

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May 1, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity (NOFO # MAPID24001).

The project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, and within the Port. The project is a set of improvements to Pierce County Terminal in the NWSA's South Harbor that will make the cargo terminal more energy efficient, expand capacity for refrigerated containers, and modernize the transfer zone to allow the terminal to operate more cost-effectively.

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Thank you for your attention to this grant application. I respectfully ask for your fair and full consideration of this grant application, following all rules and regulations. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Triniti Gorbunova, Grants Coordinator at (425) 793-5180. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
Member of Congress WA09

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April 24, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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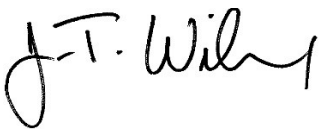
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I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,



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May 2, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports. I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

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8th Legislative District

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April 30, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Steve Conway

Senator, 29th LD

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May 7, 2024

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am proud to support the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Manka Dhingra

Manka Dhingra
Washington State Senator, 45th LD

Washington State Senate

Senator Bob Hasegawa

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April 26, 2024

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

RE: In Support of Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project

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Sincerely,



Senator Bob Hasegawa

MAJORITY CAUCUS CHAIR
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April 30, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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Sincerely,



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April 25, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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Sincerely,

Senator T'wina Nobles
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May 7, 2024

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

I am proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

As a member of the Senate Transportation Committee and a representative of the 30th LD, I understand the importance of supporting the Ports. The 30th LD abuts Pierce County and many of my constituents have deep familial and economic ties to the port. Supporting Port infrastructure and development isn't just about benefiting one area, it's about bolstering the interconnected network that sustains communities across our state. When ports thrive, it uplifts industries, creates jobs, and fosters economic growth that reverberates throughout the entire region.

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I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Claire Wilson
Senator, 30th LD
(she/her/hers)
Assistant Deputy Whip
Chair, Human Services/Vice Chair, EL/K12/Transportation /Rules Committees
Washington State Senate

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

May 10, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians strongly supports The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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The Tribe fully endorses this project as 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.

We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Matthew Wadhwani, Tribal Financial Officer
Puyallup Tribe of Indians

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April 25, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Pierce County is proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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We strongly endorse this project as 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.
We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Bruce F. Dammeier
Pierce County Executive

April 30, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

At the Port of Seattle, we are proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the United States Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Metruck
Executive Director

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April 23, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The port of Tacoma is proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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The Port strongly endorses this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

The Port of Tacoma urges you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Eric D Johnson

Eric Johnson
Executive Director

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May 8, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports, and urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at Stephanie.Bowman@Commerce.wa.gov, or (206) 898-3043.

Sincerely,

Stephanie L. Bowman
Maritime Industry Director
Washington State Department of Commerce

April 24, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,



Bruce Kendall
President and CEO
Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County
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Oregon Potato Commission

May 7, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Oregon Potato Commission is proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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More potatoes are produced in Oregon than any other vegetable and is one of the top 10 commodities produced in the state our of more than 225. The majority of these potatoes are exported, contributing greatly to traded sector dollars and the economy in rural and urban areas alike. Continued efficient movement of our export products out of the Port is critical to the overall health of our industry.

We strongly endorse this project as 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.

We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Gary Roth

Gary Roth
Executive Director

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PMSA
PACIFIC MERCHANT SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

April 30, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the members of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) I am writing in support of The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity. PMSA represents marine terminal operators, vessel lines, and others involved in the West Coast trade community.

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PMSA strongly endorses this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jordan Royer
VP for External Affairs

April 26, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA), I write in strong support of The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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.

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PNWA supports this project as 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. PNWA appreciates your full and fair consideration to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Neil Maunu
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PUGET SOUND PILOTS
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Via Email

May 7, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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United States

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,



Charles Costanzo
Executive Director

April 23, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

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I strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our work, our position on supporting the above and how best to engage on this and any of our policy work.

Sincerely,

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Washington State Tree Fruit Association
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May 7, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to share our Association's support for The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) proposal *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

Our Association represents the growers, packers, and marketers of apples, pears, and cherries produced in Washington. Washington state is the number one producer of all three of these crops in the United States, and nearly 30% of these crops are exported with a substantial portion moving through the NWSA's terminals.

The NWSA project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, and within the Port. The project proposes improvements to Pierce County Terminal in the NWSA's South Harbor that will make the cargo terminal more energy efficient, expand capacity for refrigerated containers, and modernize the transfer zone to allow the terminal to operate more cost-effectively.

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This project is an important step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports and supply chains, and we urge its full funding in the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,



Jon DeVaney
President

WASHINGTON MARITIME FEDERATION

May 8, 2024

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

Subject: Support for NWSA Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Washington Maritime Federation (WMF), a statewide organization representing Washington State's maritime industry, I am writing to express WMFs support for the 2024 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application submitted by The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) for its *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project.*

The Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project will support the PIDP's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, and within the Port. The Project is comprised of a set of improvements to Pierce County Terminal in the NWSA's South Harbor that will make the cargo terminal more energy efficient, expand capacity for refrigerated containers, and modernize the transfer zone to allow the terminal to operate more cost-effectively.

Expanding refrigerated capacity at the terminal will benefit Northwest agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years of supply chain upheaval. The Project will increase the competitiveness of exports and reduce costs to U.S. farmers, ranchers, and other producers in getting their goods to international markets.

The Project will also allow the NWSA to advance its Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy goal of eliminating seaport-related emissions by 2050. The NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than $4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy.

WMF strongly endorses this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports.

We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Chad See
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May 7, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Washington Retail Association and its members we would like to offer our support of the Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

Retailers are one of the port's largest customers, importing billions of dollars in products destined for Washington stores and around the country.

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I urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Thank you for your consideration.

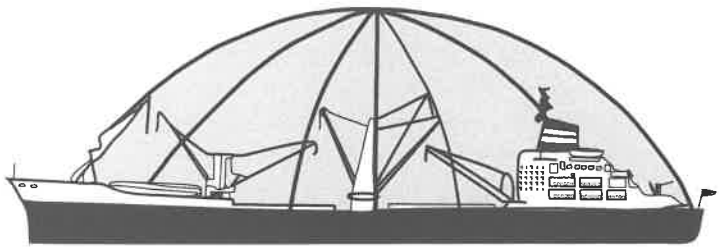
Sincerely,

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May 8, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 23 is proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Jared Faker
President
ILWU Local 23

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April 24, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We, Allied Potato, are proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Jason Davenport / President

Dragonberry
PRODUCE

May 7, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Dragonberry Produce Inc., proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Amy Nguyen
President

TERMINAL SERVICES
EVERPORT

May 1, 2024

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

Subject: Letter of Support, *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project*

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Everport Terminal Services Inc. ("Everport Terminal"), a partner of The Northwest Seaport Alliance ("NWSA") is excited to support the NWSA's application to the 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program ("PIDP"). Everport Terminal has had a long and successful history in the gateway and has been under a Lease and Operation Agreement with NWSA, as licensee/agent for the Port of Tacoma, at the Pierce County Terminal ("PCT") since January 2003. During its 20-plus year history, Everport Terminal has invested millions of dollars in equipment and infrastructure to serve both the state of Washington and the broader U.S. economy.

We fully support the proposed upgrades and improvements to enhance terminal operations as efficiently as possible in order to maintain the NWSA's status as the premier, world-class container trade gateway on the west coast. Many agricultural producers, manufacturers, and consumers rely on the ports of Tacoma and Seattle for access to international markets and will benefit greatly from the *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project*. As a marine terminal operator, Everport Terminal is fully committed to the success of this project.

The infrastructure investments proposed in this grant application will improve safety, operational efficiency, and reliability of the PCT I operations. We are submitting this Letter of Support as a sign of strength of our public-private partnership with the NWSA and our collective commitment to the success of this project. This commitment is predicated on a mutually beneficial agreement which will reflect market conditions at the time of this grant award.

For the above reasons and more, I urge you to fund the *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project*. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ron Neal
President

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May 10, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We Lamb Weston are proud to support The Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application titled *Pierce County Terminal Efficiency Project* for the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) funding opportunity.

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As an exporter of frozen french fries, this project would benefit our company as we pursue new global markets for the sale of our products which are grown and made in Washington. The project has the potential to improve efficiency and reduce costs in our supply chain.

We strongly endorse this project as 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.

We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's application to the PIDP grant program.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Sistrunk
Sr. Director Global Logistics