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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 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,



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