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

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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