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The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Administrator Regan:

I am pleased to offer my support for the joint "Accelerating Zero-Emission Technology Deployment at Puget Sound Ports" application by The Northwest Seaport Alliance, Port of Seattle, and Port of Tacoma to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Ports Program (CPP) Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition.
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. The CPP will bring the Puget sound ports closer to their goal of phasing out all emissions by 2050 or sooner. Additionally, it addresses sea-port pollution in our region, while bolstering local support for those affected most by the ports. The impact of proposed projects and programs will:

- Significantly reduce air and climate pollution from maritime activities in the Puget Sound region, especially in disadvantaged communities located near port terminals and freight corridors.
- Deliver healthier air for near-port residents as well as the tens of thousands of people who work on or near port facilities.
- Create, preserve, and improve the quality of thousands of port-related jobs – from dock workers to vessel-operators and truckers, while creating new opportunities in the clean energy economy.
- Strengthen the ports' capacity to meaningfully engage and partner with near-port communities and other stakeholders.
- Bolster the ports' role as catalysts of large-scale maritime decarbonization and sustainability transition – not only at their own facilities but across the broader maritime and freight industries locally, nationally, and globally.

The ports' proposal is transformative for our region, and I urge the EPA to support this joint proposal.

Sincerely,

Claire Wilson
Senator, 30th LD
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