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The Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my strong support for Northwest Seaport Alliance's (NWSA) application for the 2022 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant. NWSA's Terminal 5 Export, Expansion, and Emission Reduction project would support NWSA in improving the efficiency and sustainability of vital Port operations. This project would allow NWSA to further their goal of improve the movement of goods through the Port in a safe, efficient, and reliable manner.

The NWSA is the fourth largest container gateway in the United States, uniting both the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma. It plays a vital role in Washington State's economy, providing over 58,000 jobs and driving \$12.4 billion in economic activity. Their proposed project will increase the alliance's strong role in Washington's economy by improving the location's truck gate complex and expanding its terminal container yard. By constructing 12 new inbound truck lanes and increasing their truck scale capacity, the NWSA's project will expedite their export process and improve their expedite capacity. Further, by expanding their terminal container yard by 5.4 acres, the NWSA plans to improve on previous logistical challenges they have faced, which will aid them in increasing the Port's output.

In addition to improving their contributions to Washington State's economy, the NWSA's project also aims to support the movement toward more sustainable Port infrastructure. By increasing the capacity of their truck gate complex, the NWSA aims to reduce traffic congestion caused by Port intake. This will decrease the overall amount of carbon emissions caused by congestion and work toward the NWSA's goal of running a more sustainable operation.

Thank you for your attention to this grant request. I urge you to give their application full and fair consideration, following all applicable rules and regulations. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Jena Yang, Grants Coordinator at (425) 793-5180.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
Member of Congress