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

Subject: Support for the NWSA Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to write in support of the 2022 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application submitted by The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) for its Terminal 5 Export, Expansion and Emission Reduction Project.

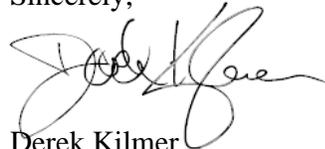
This project will support the PIDP's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the Port. As demonstrated in the application, the project will increase the volume and efficiency of exports, principally agricultural exports, while reducing carbon emissions through reduced truck queuing.

Increasing exports will not only help our nation's exporting industries, it will also help restore balance to the overall supply chain and empty container access for U.S. agricultural producers and other exporters that ship their products across the globe.

The Terminal 5 Project will allow NWSA to better compete against international competition while also meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than \$4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy.

This proposal is a strong next step in modernizing a key U.S. trade gateway and levelling the playing field between U.S. and Canadian seaports and supply chains. I am pleased to write in support of this proposal and urge your full and fair consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Andrea Roper in my district office at [andrea.roper@mail.house.gov](mailto:andrea.roper@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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