

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to express my support for 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 (Project) at the Port of Seattle.

This project will support the PIDP program's goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the Port, thus helping our ports stay competitive. 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. As I understand it, reducing carbon emissions is a key priority at the Department of Transportation as well as helps the Port advance its zero carbon emissions by 2050.

To remain economically competitive and keep these family-wage jobs in the Pacific Northwest, increasing exports not only helps our nation's exporting industries, but also helps 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 Project allows NWSA to better compete against increasing international competition. NWSA marine cargo operations currently support 58,400 jobs and more than \$4 billion in labor income across the Washington state economy. While this project is not in Washington's 10th Congressional District, NWSA supports working American families and small and large businesses across the South Puget Sound – underscoring its regional significance to our economy and to our working families.

This project is the next step in modernizing a key U.S. trade gateway by leveling the playing field between U.S. and Canadian seaports and supply chains. I am proud of the national leadership that the NWSA has taken to proactively address climate change, environmental justice, and to maintain internationally competitive Ports to support our hardworking American families.

Please give this project full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland (WA-10)