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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing in support of an application submitted by the Port of Everett to the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants* program for the South Terminal Intermodal Freight Shipping Facility project.

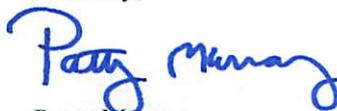
The Port of Everett is working to modernize the existing wharf at its South Terminal in order to accommodate larger cargo vessels. Constructed in the 1970s, the wharf was designed to support 500 pounds per square foot (PSF) live load. However, modern cargo operations typically require 1,000 PSF live load or greater. In Phase I of this project, the Port of Everett constructed a heavy-lift section on the north end of the wharf in 2015. Phase II would add pilings and reinforce the remaining 560-feet of dock structure, rehabilitate deteriorated elements of the existing structure, and construct 700 feet of 100-foot gauge crane rails. Phase II would also extend new high voltage power systems on the South Terminal, add rail sidings to more than double the Port of Everett's rail capacity, and replace an existing warehouse.

The Port of Everett is vital to the success of Washington state's aerospace, construction, manufacturing, and energy industries. It is a strategic port that supports nearly \$25 billion in exports annually and more than 35,000 jobs. The Port of Everett also serves as the port of entry for 100 percent of the oversized parts used in the manufacture of Boeing aircraft including the 747, 767, 777, KC-46 Tanker, and soon the 777X as well. The current infrastructure cannot support the weight and size of the new 777X, which requires longer and stronger docks and upgraded cranes.

Modernizing the South Terminal is essential for the Port of Everett to accommodate the larger vessels and heavier cargo associated with the construction and transportation goods it imports and exports. By the end of 2016, three larger charter vessels will be calling on the Port of Everett, so the need for these infrastructure upgrades is already here. This project would move cargo faster and more efficiently, while reducing congestion on regional roads and highways. Finally, it would support the local and regional economy by strengthening the Port of Everett's ability to compete in the global marketplace.

Thank you for your consideration of the Port of Everett's application. Please contact Shavenor Winters in my Washington, D.C. office at 202-224-2621 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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