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Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips, US Navy (Ret.)  
Administrator  
U.S. Maritime Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Rear Admiral Phillips:

I write in support of an application submitted by the Port of Port Angeles to the U.S. Maritime Administration's (MARAD) *Port Infrastructure Development Program* for the Intermodal Handling and Transfer (IHT) Facility Improvements Project.

The Olympic Peninsula is a major center for sustainable timber harvest and lumber manufacturing. Given limited highway and rail infrastructure on the peninsula, the Port of Port Angeles' Intermodal Handling and Transfer (IHT) facility serves as a lynchpin for these industries given—the IHT facility is the only facility in the region capable of shipping and receiving whole logs via barge. The Port is seeking funding to improve the facility's efficiency and barging capacity. If funded, these improvements would expand the Port's capacity to provide safe, reliable, and cost-effective maritime freight transportation, and would directly and indirectly support living-wage jobs throughout Clallam County.

The project the Port seeks funding for would install approximately 10 acres of high-load capacity asphalt surface to allow for the efficient weighing, sorting, and staging of activities at the IHT facility. This improvement would require extensive fill and grading to allow conveyance of storm water to collection points for treatment before discharge. Installing the asphalt would prolong the use-life of the handling equipment and minimize the downtime for repairs. The project would also improve the flow and routing of the logs entering and exiting the facility via truck by placing scaling, banding, and storage in a central location. Additionally, this project would rehabilitate and improve the Cofferdam Dock. The dock was constructed in 2004 and was intended as a temporary support for a Washington State Department of Transportation project. PIDP funds would ensure the long-term viability of this structure.

Thank you for your consideration of the Port of Port Angeles' application. Please contact Bree Rabourn in my Seattle office at 206-553-0724 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray  
United States Senator