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

Subject: Support for NWSA Husky Terminal Expansion Part One

Dear Secretary Buttigieg;

On behalf of the Port of Alaska, I am pleased to express support for the Fiscal Year 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application submitted by The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) for its Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project. Husky Terminal, located in Tacoma's tide flats, is surrounded by a historically disadvantaged community that will benefit from both lower emissions and new jobs.

This Project will support PIDP goals of improving the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of goods through the Port. As demonstrated in the application, the Project will densify a busy international container terminal, adding capacity and optimizing storage. The Project will also significantly lower carbon emissions by installing power infrastructure needed to support electrification and minimizing the time that vessels are required to stay at berth. Increased reefer capacity will also benefit agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years of supply chain upheaval.

Improving export capacity will not only help our nation's exporting industries, but also help restore balance to the overall supply chain and access to empty containers for U.S. exporters that ship their products across the globe. The Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project will allow NWSA to better compete in international markets while also meeting its goal of zero carbon emissions by 2050. We strongly endorse this project as a next step in making a key U.S. trade gateway more efficient and improving our region's competitiveness with Canadian seaports and supply chains.

The Port of Alaska and the Northwest Seaport Alliance have enjoyed a very close working relationship for many years. We in Anchorage are keenly aware of the importance of this, and fully appreciate that what is good for the port system in the State of Washington is good for Alaska as well. We urge you to fully fund the NWSA's Husky Terminal Expansion Part One grant application.

Sincerely,

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