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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:

We are pleased to express support for the 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant application submitted by The Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) for its Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project.

The Washington State Tree Fruit Association (WSTFA) is a voluntary non-profit association representing the growers, packers, and marketers of apples, pears, sweet cherries, and other deciduous tree fruits in Washington state. Washington is ranked first in the nation in the production of these crops, and on average 30% of the state's production is exported.

As explained in the application, the Project will densify a busy international container terminal, add capacity, and optimize storage and the efficiency of movement within the terminal. 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 significantly benefit agricultural exporters, who have weathered several difficult years of supply chain upheaval.

The Husky Terminal Expansion Part One Project will allow NWSA to better compete in international markets while also improving export capacity for tree fruit growers and other export-oriented U.S. industries. For these reasons, we support this proposal and encourage you to fully fund the Husky Terminal Expansion Part One application.

Sincerely,

Jon DeVaney
President