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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to ask for your careful consideration of the Port of Everett's applications for federal grant assistance for its South Terminal Intermodal Freight Shipping Facility Project.

Approval of the Port of Everett's TIGER and FASTLANE grant applications will leverage local investments and ensure the Port is able to complete the South Terminal Intermodal Freight Shipping Facility Project. The project will increase the berth length for cargo equipment to accommodate larger ships, strengthen the dock to support heavier cargo operations and increase rail capacity at the seaport. These improvements will allow the Port of Everett to better serve important industries in the region and help the U.S. remain a global leader in international trade.

Snohomish County is the most trade dependent county in the state, with three in five jobs tied to trade. The Port of Everett is an economic driver in our community, supporting more than 35,000 jobs and contributing hundreds of millions of dollars to state and local governments' tax rolls each year. The Port of Everett Seaport supports the construction, manufacturing and energy sectors, and the Port is also committed to meeting the transportation needs of the aerospace industry. When Boeing's new 777X airplane begins production in 2017, it will require longer and stronger docks than are currently available at the Port of Everett. It is critical that the Port keep pace with industry changes to continue facilitating a strong regional and state economy.

More than \$25 billion in U.S. exports flow through the Port of Everett each year, and major trading partners include Japan, South Korea, Russia, China and the South Pacific. Pacific Northwest seaports are facing increasing competition from Canada and other countries. The South Terminal Intermodal Freight Shipping Facility Project will help the Port of Everett remain competitive and continue to provide an important link for U.S. exports to Asia.

For these reasons I ask that you give full and fair consideration to the Port of Everett's application for federal grant assistance for its South Terminal Intermodal Freight Shipping Facility Project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Larsen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Larsen
U.S. Representative
Washington State, 2nd District