

# Laborers Local 335

Washington State Department of Ecology:

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on this critical infrastructure project. I am writing to voice my support for the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals (Millennium) project in Longview. The project is key not only to the future of Washington's trade reputation in the Pacific Northwest, but also to the hardworking men and women who have made the state the trade stalwart that it is currently.

As the business manager of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 335, I am fully aware of the importance of transportation and industrial infrastructure within the state of Washington. LIUNA is the fastest growing union of construction workers in the United States and I am proud to help LIUNA Local 335 represent construction workers throughout The Evergreen State. While Millennium is just one project, it represents a much wider-reaching movement with regard to trade and serious economic prosperity in the Pacific Northwest.

The proposed Millennium project would have a massive positive impact on both local and statewide levels in terms of jobs, wages, and tax revenue to Washington. During construction, it is estimated that Millennium would create 2,650 jobs, with 300 additional permanent jobs available after build-out to run operations. Those jobs would create more than \$300 million in direct wages and output during construction, with an additional \$65 million annually after the terminal is built. Furthermore, the project would generate \$37.2 million in state tax revenues and \$5.9 million in county tax revenues, contributing to schools, hospitals and other municipal services. All of these facts and figures are incredibly encouraging—especially to the hundreds of construction workers across Washington that we represent at LIUNA 335. Millennium is an investment that simply must be made for the benefit of Washington's workers and families.

Despite the clear benefits to Washington's trade and infrastructure future, regulators in Washington have delayed the project for over five years. This delay of the Millennium project sends a message that Longview, Washington and the state as a whole is not a place to do business. It goes without saying that this type of reputation could have an incredibly negative economic impact on the area. It is time that legislators approve Millennium's proposed project and welcome investment back into the area.

In addition to these vast benefits for jobs and wages, Millennium has been committed to following the exhaustive environmental protocols for the terminal's construction. The terminal would be built on the site of an oil aluminum smelter, a brownfield location that has traditionally been dedicated to industrial use. Millennium and other partners have entered an agreement to ensure that the cleanup of this site follows all state rules and regulations. Before Millennium, the smelter site had simply been left to decay—now it is in the process of being transformed into an environmentally friendly, world-class facility.

I am but one voice of many calling for the approval of a project like Millennium in the Pacific Northwest. Thank you again for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

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