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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals project in Longview. I would like to voice my support for this important trade infrastructure project.

I write to you as a member of LIUNA NW region. I personally know the hard working men and women that make Washington the trade dynamo that is has been for many years. The development of a world class project such as this one is why Washington has a strong reputation as a trade hub in the Pacific Northwest. Therefore we must ensure this legacy lives on by approving this project as soon as possible and not lose this opportunity to another state or country.

The proposed export facility, if approved, will have great impact on the state's economy by providing jobs with steady wages to workers that need it. Of the 2,650 jobs created during the construction, there will also be an additional 300 permanent jobs once the project is completed. These good paying jobs that will total approximately \$302 million in wages during the construction period and \$65 million after the project is constructed. It is important to note that not only are the workers getting good wages, but the surrounding communities will benefit as well. Tax revenues will increase and bring more revenues to fund essential municipal services such schools, hospitals, and pensions.

It is essential that this project break ground soon. But it seems regulators in Washington are dragging their feet and creating a bad precedent by telling other companies looking to bring opportunities to the state that "we are not open for business." The Millennium Bulk Terminals project has been in the works for five years and while the company has patiently accommodated every request, the people eager to get to work are not as patient.

Infrastructure projects like this one are an important development for Washington and the people that reside in the state. The benefits estimated to occur form this one project at astounding and it is important that decision makers not deter other companies and investors from bringing opportunities like the Millennium Bulk Terminals our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and why I firmly believe this project will benefit many members in the state.

Sincerely,

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