

Washington and Northern Idaho District Council of Laborers

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important infrastructure project. I am writing in support of the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals (Millennium) project in Longview, Washington.

Millennium plans to rejuvenate the former Reynolds Aluminum Smelter Site in Longview which as you know is an underutilized resource for Southwest Washington. This potential terminal facility will increase trade productivity throughout the state and give U.S. commodities premier access to Asian shipping ports.

As a field agent for the Washington and Northern Idaho District Council of Laborers, I strongly encourage the approval of this project given the substantial economic benefits it will have throughout Northwestern United States.

However, despite overwhelming support and meeting all of the standards set by the Washington Department of Ecology this project has been stuck in a holding period for five years.

Over \$600 million has been invested in transforming a 530-acre aluminum facility into a state-of-the art, efficient, shipping port and the only thing investors have gotten in return is five years of regulatory red tape.

This is not good for Washington. Putting a five year stop on a project that is expected to employ more than 2,000 people during construction and create 300 permanent jobs after sends a clear signal to investors: Washington is not open for business.

For years, Millennium has had the well-being of the Longview community, the State of Washington, and the entire Northwestern region of the U.S in mind. Not only will this project bolster Washington's already strong trade reputation, it has met all of the rigorous state and federal standards for environmental regulations, and has made the safety of the project its utmost concern.

I urge you to approve the Millennium Bulk Terminals so the people of the North West can get back to work, improving their lives and the prosperity of Washington in the process.

Thank you,

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