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To Whom It May Concern,

United Association Local 26 represents the hardworking pipefitters, plumbers, service technicians, sprinklerfitters, and steamfitters of Western Washington who help build and maintain the infrastructure of our state. As a member of Local 26, I'm writing to voice my support for the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals (Millennium) project in Longview, Washington. After waiting five years for the go-ahead on this project, the time has come for it to be approved so workers like those in Local 26 can get to work.

The economic impacts of this project are simply undeniable. As a state that is heavily reliant on jobs from trade, the world class facility that the Millennium project will create is another example of something that will have a real impact to Cowlitz County and all of Washington. From creating new jobs to increasing tax revenue at the state and local level, the reasons to support this project are crystal clear.

Union laborers like the men and women in Local 26 often rely on temporary work to sustain their trades; the Millennium project would create 2,650 jobs during construction that would do just that. Three hundred permanent jobs would also be created after the project is completed to help with maintenance and operation.

These new jobs would bring in more than \$300 million in wages during construction and \$65 million annually after the project is finished. That's money back in the pockets of hardworking union families. Our communities would benefit too - \$5.9 million in tax revenue to the county would be generated annually after the terminal is built and \$37.2 million in state tax revenues each year.

After a lengthy five year wait for the proper permitting to this important project to be approved, the time has come to finally move forward. This 70-year old industrial site is just wasting away and we have the chance to make it into something that will have a positive effect on the entire region. This impact wouldn't just be felt among those working on the project, but also by industries that are reliant on trade such as agriculture, timber, aluminum, manufacturing, and others that are so vital to the Pacific Northwest.

The Millennium Bulk Terminals project is a key part of restoring our state's economic future that will increase exports, provide new jobs, and bring in new tax revenue to Western Washington. Driven by demand in other countries, we can increase the trade that has built up our region and that so many middle-class families rely on. Thousands of families are counting on you to approve this \$650 million construction project and I urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

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