

UA Local 26 Plumbers & Pipefitters

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals (Millennium) project in Longview, Washington. As a resident of Western Washington and an active union member, I strongly support this project and urge that it be approved.

Having served as a business agent for United Association Local 26, I understand deeply how important this project is to our workers, our families, and the communities in which we reside. One in four jobs in our state are connected to trade, and this project will ensure that this important legacy is maintained.

The proposed Millennium export terminal would have an incredible impact on the region creating new good-paying jobs, increasing wages, and bringing in substantial amounts of tax revenue to the surrounding communities and state. During construction, 2,650 jobs would be created with an additional 300 permanent positions also produced to continue operating the facility. The members of Local 26 – steamfitters, plumbers, pipefitters, service technicians, and sprinklerfitters of Western Washington – rely on temporary positions like these to sustain our livelihood and earn the good wages that support our families.

This project would also result in more than \$300 million in direct wages during construction as well as \$65 million annually following the terminal's construction. That means more money in the pockets of everyday working families to spend on everything from groceries to school supplies for their children. In addition, tax revenue would be greatly increased in the Cowlitz County area and across the state. For the county, the Millennium Bulk Terminals would generate \$5.9 million in new tax revenue and \$37.2 million for the state. In other words, our schools, hospitals, and other municipal programs stand to benefit greatly from this \$650 million construction project.

Also, supporting this project doesn't mean having to choose between protecting our environment and economic prosperity; we can have both. This has been one of the most comprehensive federal and state review of any infrastructure project ever conducted along the Columbia River. It is clear Millennium can easily meet the state's high environmental standards while providing hundreds of jobs and adding millions of dollars to our economy.

The Millennium Banks Terminal project is critical for creating new jobs, increasing wages, and garnering new tax revenue for hardworking residents of Cowlitz County and our state as a whole. The permit for this project has been pending approval for over five years. I think we have waited long enough and the 530-acre site on which it will sit has been underutilized for a decade.

Washington can't afford to delay this project any longer and I urge you to approve move forward with approval so we can get to work. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Adam Davis
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