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RE: Port of Longview/International Paper Remediation Comment

Dear Ms. Bellon:

On behalf of the City of Longview, which is both a direct stakeholder and partner in Longview's economic development, I urge you to select the Port of Longview's preferred alternative and not International Paper's alternative for the remediation of the Port's Maintenance Facility Area (MFA).

The Port is a key driver in establishing and sustaining economic vitality in our region. Responsible for 1 in 10 local jobs, spurring \$444 million in spending at local businesses and generating \$5.2 million in taxes for public services, the success of the Port is directly linked to the success of our community.

Washington's ports are publicly owned assets established by the State to act as business agents of the community. Choosing IP's preferred alternative over the Port's would not only impede current operations at the Port but also shift the costs of future development within the MFA from a private corporation to the citizens of the Port district.

Historically, IP was an integral part of our community and our local economy. It provided strong jobs in an area that takes great pride in its industrial roots. We'd like IP to leave behind a legacy of cooperation and partnership and not dangerously contaminated material that will hinder our community's growth for years to come.

Please do what's best for the environment, the economy, and our community by selecting the Port's alternative for the remediation of the MFA. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Jensen".

Don Jensen  
Mayor

cc: City Council Members  
Dave Campbell, City Manager