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As noted in your Fact Sheet, the Port of Longview has proposed an alternative cleanup plan that I hope you will allow for this project. Because the Port will pay the incremental costs for this option, and the option provides a quicker resolution to the contamination on the site, I see little reason for anyone to object to it.

The Port - and our community - needs the property to be returned to a productive use sooner than possible. Marking the contaminated property and waiting for time to take its course will mean that in the meantime, the property cannot be marketed or used for Port customers. This may cost our community badly-needed jobs and revenue to the Port.

As the mayor of the City of Kelso, I know all too well that the majority of our community's issues are caused by the tough economic climate of Cowlitz County. The jobs that might be provided by expansion at the Port are crucial in helping to mitigate these challenges.

I ask that you give strong consideration to implementing the Port of Longview's proposed alternative, requiring them to pay for the additional treatment costs.

Thank you for your consideration,

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