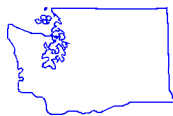


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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in support of the Port of Everett's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD). The Port of Everett is requesting grant funding to construct a new cargo terminal on a recently acquired mill site to support maritime commerce.

The Port of Everett is a natural deep-water Port located on Port Gardner Bay and is the first major U.S. Port and military installation reached from the Pacific Ocean. According to the Port, it supports nearly \$21 billion worth of U.S. exports annually and more than 35,000 jobs. The Port of Everett is a strategic port that specializes in high value, over dimensional cargoes. In addition, the Port supports several economically significant operations including the Boeing Company's 747, 767 (military and commercial), 777(X) lines, and serves as a backup for the 787.

The project will develop a new cargo terminal to support maritime commerce on the National Freight Network. Previously the site of a paper products mill, the Port's terminal will restore a recently acquired mill site to a working waterfront that has sat dormant for a decade. The site is located between two federally secured facilities – the Port of Everett and Naval Station Everett. The Port of Everett is seeking this federal grant to support the following:

- Ensure compatible land use with Naval Station Everett to prevent encroachment concerns, as the property adjoins both Naval Station Everett and the Port of Everett,
- Meet the upland space requirements to be designated a Strategic Seaport,
- Support and enhance maritime commerce on the National Freight Network in the fastest growing county in the state; and
- Restore the brownfield property back to productive maritime freight uses, including short sea shipping.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration to the Port of Everett's application to the Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program.

Sincerely,

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator