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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Northwest Seaport Alliance Berth Deepening on the Blair Waterway project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Northwest Seaport Alliance, located at 1 Sitcum Way, Tacoma, WA 98401. The funding would be used for the Husky Terminal and Washington United Terminal berth deepening project.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will bring the entire waterway down to -57 feet and widen the turning basin so that larger and heavier ships can always transit in and out of the terminals, without draft restrictions. Deepening the berths at the same time as the waterway is deepened will help maximize the benefit of planned investments by USACE and Port of Tacoma. This project will enable international container terminals to service larger vessels which is critical to maintaining and growing the workforce on the docks and in supporting industries including the trucking, warehouse, and agricultural sectors.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 46 USC 54301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Randall".

Congresswoman Emily Randall
Washington's 6th District