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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing in support of the Port of Kalama's grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program for the Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility.

The Port of Kalama requests grant funding to construct an export dock at its North Port Marine Industrial Site. According to the Port, the existing dock cannot adequately serve the size and type of cargo that prospective businesses require. This project is essential to the economic vitality and growth of jobs in Cowlitz County, which faces an unemployment rate above the Washington state and national average.

I am committed to bringing new jobs to Southwest Washington and thank you for your full and fair consideration of the Port of Kalama's application for the Kalama Manufacturing and Marine Export Facility.

Sincerely,

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator