



## **Terminal 2 Rehabilitation – East Pier**

U.S. Department of Transportation – Maritime Administration

Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)

Opportunity Number: MA-PID-21-001

### **Appendix C**

#### **Letters of Support**

- 1. United States Congressman – Derek Kilmer**
- 2. United States Senator – Maria Cantwell**

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July 19, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

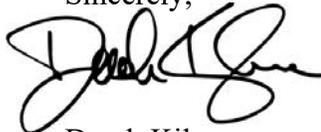
I write in support of the 2021 Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDP) application submitted by the Port of Port Angeles in the 6th congressional district in the state of Washington.

The Port is requesting \$4.14 million in federal funding to invest in the modernization of the East Pier at the Port's international ferry terminal between Port Angeles, Washington and Victoria, British Columbia. The ferry operated by Black Ball Ferry Line is an economically critical service in the region, which has been forced to curtail operations due to COVID-19 restrictions in both Canada and the United States over the last sixteen months. With the recent success of vaccination programs in both the United States and Canada, we are positive that ferry service will restart soon. The East Pier of the facility needs to be reconstructed to ensure the continued safe, efficient, and reliable transport of people and goods.

The project's tremendous economic impact to the area is consistent with the intent of the PIDP. First, it will provide a significant economic stimulus during the construction phase and, once completed, it will enhance transportation infrastructure for the movement of goods between Canada and the United States. In 2019, an economic impact study found that the 91 people employed by Black Ball Ferry Line supported the direct employment of 627 people in local businesses.

For these reasons, I urge your full and fair consideration of the 2021 Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDP) application submitted by the Port of Port Angeles. Should you have any questions, please contact Mary Jane Robins in my Port Angeles district office at (360) 797-3623 or [MaryJane.Robins@mail.house.gov](mailto:MaryJane.Robins@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



Derek Kilmer  
Member of Congress

# United States Senate

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July 30, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-7202

Dear Mr. Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the Port of Port Angeles' application to the Port Infrastructure Development Grant Program (PIDP) for the Terminal 2 East Pier Rehabilitation Project.

The Port of Port Angeles is a deep-water Port located on Washington's North Olympic Peninsula on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The Port is an important economic driver in rural Clallam County and its operations include five viable marine terminals, two airports, two marinas, three industrial business parks, and several other industrial and commercial properties.

With grant funding, the Port will modernize the East Pier at the Port's international ferry terminal between Port Angeles and Victoria, British Columbia. The ferry is a critical service in the region but operations have stopped due to COVID-19 restrictions in both Canada and the United States over the last 16 months. With the recent success of vaccination programs in both the United States and Canada, ferry service is poised to return. Reconstruction of the East Pier facility will ensure continued safe, efficient, and reliable transport of people and goods between Port Angeles and Victoria and will enhance transportation infrastructure for the movement of goods between Canada and the United States.

The Port of Port Angeles has a positive track record on investing into the community infrastructure and improving the quality of life through sound economic development. Thank you for your full and fair consideration to the Port of Port Angeles' application.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell  
United States Senator

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