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RE: Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview Proposed Project – NEPA EIS Public Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the progress of the Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview (Millennium) permit application and the recently released draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). I understand the NEPA permits are currently under the review of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the purpose of producing a final EIS. The State of Washington and the federal government need to do all they can to approve the necessary permits to ensure that we can create jobs and increase our state's revenue.

At the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers we continually strive to advocate for the progression of our industry. The construction of the Millennium Bulk Terminal will revitalize an underutilized industrial center in Washington, boosting the state's infrastructure, and our status as a trading center.

The draft proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pushed this project in the right direction, but I am concerned to see that it currently remains as one of the longest reviewed infrastructure projects in our states history. The figures are clear, this project will generate \$37.2 million dollars in state tax revenue, with no investment from our state's taxpayers.

IAMAW District Lodge W24, like all likeminded labor unions in this country, appreciates our vast environmental ecosystem, especially understanding the importance of protecting our backyard here in the Pacific Northwest. The findings contained in the draft EIS show that the development of this project clearly meets all of the relevant environmental standards.

It is appreciated that efforts are being taken to ensure Millennium meets all of Washington's regulatory standards, but we need to move this project along to completion. A project like this does not come along often; this is a crucial opportunity to provide stable growth for our families, state, and nation.

Sincerely,

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