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Millennium Bulk Terminals EIS
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RE: Draft EIS; Millennium Bulk Terminals Project, Longview, WA

To: SEPA Responsible Official:

As mayor of the City of Castle Rock, Washington I support the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals project and look forward to the economic growth this project will bring to our community.

Millennium is estimating an investment of \$600 million dollars to construct a new coal export terminal on approximately 100 acres of under-utilized industrial property. Their investment is anticipated to be the catalyst to generate an additional \$200 million in public and private infrastructure improvements, including much-needed upgrades to the freight transportation networks along the Columbia River. I have kept updated on discussions from opponents to the project. The draft EIS outlines steps to ensure construction and ongoing operational safety issues for any 'likely' environmental concerns. I am confident the EIS process will result in a safe and environmentally friendly project that will be a positive impact for the entire region.

As mayor of the City of Castle Rock, I support any industrial growth within our county that will strengthen the economy, generate family wage jobs and be a good environmental partner. Our city is ready to embrace and welcome this growth potential.

Sincerely,

Paul Helenberg, Mayor
City of Castle Rock, WA

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