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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed greenhouse gas mitigation requirements contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Millennium Bulk Terminals.

Agriculture, as well as many other Washington trade-dependent businesses, relies on both public and private ports. As a wheat farmer who depends on trains, trucks, barges, and ships to get my product to market, I have a strong personal understanding of the importance of this trade infrastructure. Without it, I could not reach Asian markets and would be placed at risk of losing my farm.

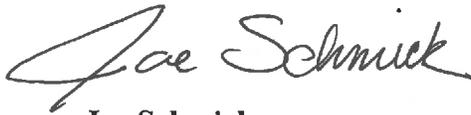
The DEIS claims Millennium is responsible for greenhouse gas emissions from the movement of coal by train and ship, as well as the emissions from the end use of coal by power plants to generate electricity in Asia. Like fellow farmers, I rely on a similar transportation infrastructure to move my wheat to export terminals on the Columbia River. As Millennium is proposing to do for coal, I depend on these export terminals to load wheat onto ships for transport to Asian buyers who will ultimately process my wheat into food that feeds families throughout the Far East.

Grain export terminals along the Columbia River and in Puget Sound are in high demand by both WA farmers, and farmers growing grain as far away as the Midwest. Space at these terminals is limited and we will need additional future capacity.

The expansive greenhouse gas mitigation requirements being proposed in the DEIS set a dangerous precedent for these needed future grain export terminals. While new grain export terminals are likely to be built, the high cost of complying with both the unique Washington State study and mitigation requirements that have been imposed on Millennium are likely to drive new investment to Gulf Coast ports instead. Terminals on the Gulf may help competing farmers in the Midwest reach markets in Asia, but they will not help growers in this state.

I urge you to reconsider and eliminate these proposed greenhouse gas mitigation requirements to avoid setting a negative precedent that will undermine the development of other critical trade infrastructure projects.

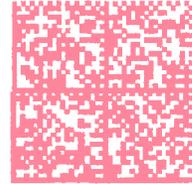
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Schmick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

**Joe Schmick**  
State Representative, 9<sup>th</sup> District



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