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To: Millennium Bulk Terminals EIS, c/o ICF International

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The following comments are offered to Cowlitz County and Washington State Department of Ecology as co-lead agencies for the permitting of the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals at west Longview in Cowlitz County.

First this is a private entity seeking permits for positive economic activity that is needed from a supply demand perspective and much needed in Cowlitz County.

Secondly, after having reviewed summaries of the draft E.I.S. relative to coal dust/air quality/greenhouse gas emissions and noise impacts; there are impacts, however, mitigation and potential mitigation measures are identified to substantially reduce the negative impacts.

Specifically, I favor granting a path forward with reasonable permits for the following reasons:

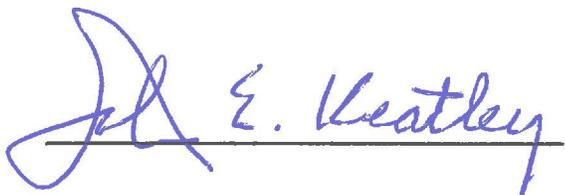
- 1. Cowlitz County needs these jobs from both the construction and operating functions.**
- 2. The County needs investments in capital assets for taxing districts' revenue.**
- 3. The improvements in dock, road and rail transportation will aid in other business and employment endeavors both in the vicinity of the improvements and quite likely lead to further improvements beyond (further west) both public and private.**

4. To the perspective of waiting for some other future proposed investment that is different or perceived to be "better"; there is not a shortage of industrial land in our county for the foreseeable future.
5. Finally, this export activity will result in positive balance of trade.

Private business needs the opportunity to succeed and there are many public and citizen attributes that accrue and will diversify our employment and tax base.

Please approve the applications without undue delay.

Sincerely,

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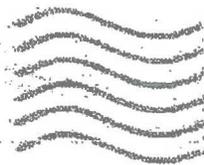
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