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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in support of the Millennium Bulk Terminal development. The project will be a great benefit to wage-earners in the region. Resource industries and transportation traditionally provide living-wage, non-seasonal employment. These are the kind of good job opportunities that the U.S. needs so much in this time poor job creation. The export sector is a crucial component of the Washington economy.

Modern permitting and regulatory procedures minimize a project's environmental impacts and risks. I have looked over the EIS for the project, and I feel there are adequate safeguards to allow the project to proceed in a beneficial manner. The Cumulative Impacts part of the permitting process seems speculative and far-fetched. I feel like the permitting process is practically designed to make resources-based economic development very difficult or impossible. The permitting process needs to be streamlined in order for valuable projects to be developed with less delay.

An unfortunate situation exists where the 'opposition' to resource projects is organized and can readily mount communication campaigns against project development. On the other hand, the wage-earners who will benefit from development cannot even know who they are at this point, and certainly have no organization comparable to the 'opposition'. The one exception to this may be labor unions acting in favor of development.

In summary, the MBT represents a large investment that will provide much needed, living-wage jobs in the region. The nation suffers from the lack of creation of high-wage jobs in traditional industries, and every job created is valuable. The Washington export economy needs this type of investment to modernize and grow. The EIS process will necessitate development with minimal impact and risk. The EIS process allows anti-development forces unrealistic opportunities to slow or stop needed investment. This opposition is very hard on wage-earners in modern times. The process should improve the environmental aspects of projects and reduce risks, not act as a tool for anti-development forces to hinder or stop investment.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

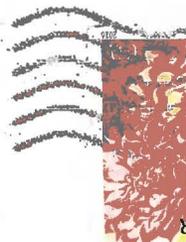


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