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Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview EIS  
c/o ICF International  
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Seattle, WA 98104

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to you regarding the Environmental Impact Study for the proposed export terminal project. As the 5th largest Chamber in the State of Washington, representing nearly 1,300 member businesses, the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce is concerned about the impact a Programmatic Environmental Impact Study (PEIS) would have on the economy of Washington State.

Our members range from small one-person shops to large corporations and span industries from agriculture to manufacturing. Regardless of size, all of our members benefit from our state's ability to trade.

Extending the scope of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) beyond the terminal projects to include the commodities shipped through the terminal and the trains that deliver them is unprecedented. Expanding the scope of environmental reviews could slow or stop exports of agriculture and other bulk commodities; thwarting future development projects.

The direction the state is taking sets a dangerous new precedent for other commodities and even manufactured goods. The Tri-City Regional Chamber joins many others, including the Association of Washington Business and the Washington Public Ports Association, in expressing concern over the unprecedented Environmental Impact Study proposed by the Department of Ecology for the Gateway Pacific Project in Whatcom County.

Imagine if apples and airplanes, wheat and wine, or any other products that are so important to our state economy become subject to this same type of scope. Such an approach would be unprecedented, and would significantly undermine our ability to compete and grow our economy for future generations.

We support a balanced approach that ensures both environmental protection and economic prosperity basing the EIS only on the impacts directly attributable to the terminal projects, and not risk setting precedents that will damage our trade-based economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Mattson".

Lori Mattson, IOM  
President/CEO