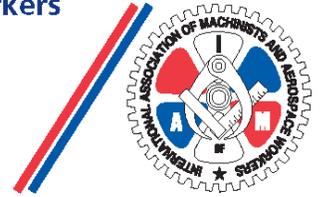


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Longview**

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*Dear Messrs. and Mmes.:*

Trade is supporting one in four jobs in the Pacific Northwest region. The export industry remains the backbone of our economy. Additional shipping terminals in Washington and Oregon State would give this economy, with high unemployment rates, the boost it needs, and that's why these bulk terminal projects are so critical.

To strengthen our country and put people back to work, we must ensure our trade economy remains competitive by increasing our ability to export goods. And we can start today with coal. Powder River Basin coal, mined in Montana and Wyoming, is among the cleanest coal produced anywhere in the world. Strict safety and environmental standards ensure we can cleanly and safely transport by freight rail to ports along the Northwest, creating jobs and tax revenue along the way. Once at a port facility, the best available technology will be used to safely store and load the coal before being shipped to markets overseas.

The industrial growth and increased demand for coal in the Asian markets provides the Pacific Northwest with an opportunity to thrive in an industry we're known for — the export industry. We're not the only country pursuing this market, but our unique geographic position and a talented workforce, makes us the best suited for the job.

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The choices are simple: grow our economy, create jobs and increase our export capacity — or watch those jobs and investments go someplace else.

Attached is a copy of an article that appeared in the October 17, 2013, Wall Street Journal, describing the investment China is making in Colombia to bring their coal to market in Asia. If we fail to build the Millennium Bulk Terminals - Longview, other countries, with the help of Chinese investments, will fill that void and thousands of good paying American jobs will be lost.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "R. A. Scardelletti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and "A".

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