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A. Leonard Smith
Economic Development Administration
Jackson Federal Building, Room, 1890
915 Second Avenue
Seattle, WA 98174-1001

Dear A. Leonard Smith,

I write in support of the Port of Camas-Washougal's application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance program.

Funds for this project will help construct a 50,000-square foot industrial building that is a greatly needed addition to the Port's infrastructure. The industrial building will help advance local economic growth and development by attracting new business to the Port's industrial park in Washougal, WA.

Request for space at the industrial park is at an all-time high, and the Port is unable to meet this demand. For the past 6-years, the Port of Camas-Washougal has maintained a 100 percent occupancy rate for nearly 350,000 square feet of industrial space. Development of 14% more space will allow the Port to have great flexibility in the size of their leases, helping to maximize use of space by businesses of all sizes.

The Port is home to 54 businesses which employ over 1,000 community members. The mission of the Port is to strengthen and diversify the economic base in Southwest Washington. Further development of their industrial park is a significant step towards accomplishing this goal.

I request that you give full and fair consideration to the Port's application. Please keep me informed when you award the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance grant. Please direct the information to Rachel Katz at Rachel.Katz@mail.house.gov or via telephone at (360) 695-6292.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jaime Herrera Beutler".

Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress