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Dear Governor Inslee and Director Bellon:

The below signers, all members of the Leadership Alliance Against Coal, represent leaders from across the region, including elected officials from cities, counties, Northwest tribal governments and the state legislature. We share a collective concern about the review of proposals to export coal from Northwest ports. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. We look forward to contributing to the State's analysis of the impacts of coal trains and coal exports on our transportation infrastructure, our environment, our health, our economy, and our cultural heritage.

We were very pleased to see the announcement last month that the Department of Ecology will include in its environmental review of the Gateway Pacific Terminal the statewide rail and health impacts as well as the global climate impacts from the coal export proposal. In addition, we continue to believe that a single, comprehensive analysis of the impacts of all three proposed Northwest coal terminals is warranted in a combined EIS. Tens of thousands of citizens and hundreds of groups, businesses, elected officials and tribal leaders from across the Northwest have called for a full and thorough review of the impacts of the proposed terminals. Federal, State and local agencies have also weighed in with recommendations for an inclusive scope.¹

The communities touched by the proposed export terminals need a full understanding of all the potential impacts of coal export. We are continuing to urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to

¹Federal agencies submitting comments included the Environmental Protection Agency, Housing and Urban Development, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the US Forest Service, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service. <http://www.eisgatewaypacificwa.gov/resources/project-library>

reconsider the scope of their analysis and to conduct a programmatic or area-wide EIS for the three coal export terminals currently proposed in Washington and Oregon. We believe it is necessary to consider the three terminals together, in a cumulative impact analysis, in order to understand the full breadth of the impacts. As the lead federal agency, the Corps must ensure a thorough review of all cumulative and indirect impacts.

Thank you again for your leadership on this important issue, and we are looking forward to working with you to ensure that the public health, safety, and welfare of our residents are protected from the negative impacts of coal export.

Sincerely,



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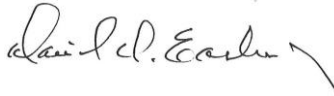


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