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Mayor of Seattle

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The Honorable Patty Murray  
173 Russell Senate Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray,

I write to ask for your support of an important federal legislative amendment that would enable the Port of Seattle to address significant public health and safety concerns while modernizing their port trucking and logistical operations.

Due to a 30-year-old loophole in the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act (FAAAA), Seattle's maritime port may be prevented by law from addressing important air pollution, traffic, workplace conditions, and public safety concerns caused by harbor trucking operations. As a result Seattle residents, taxpayers and businesses absorb the impacts of port operations. The FAAAA needs to be updated and modernized so that it clarifies the authority of the ports to implement programs that address these issues.

I ask for your support in amending the motor carrier statute within the FAAAA to expand regulatory exemptions for ports. I look forward to the possibility of working with you on this issue and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn  
Mayor

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