



May 6, 2015

The Honorable Ed Murray  
Mayor  
City of Seattle  
Seattle City Hall  
600 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mayor Murray,

On behalf of the Seattle maritime labor and business community, we are writing in opposition to the Seattle Department of Planning and Development's call for an additional use permit for the Terminal 5 interim project, which threatens the long-term integrity of our taxpayer owned public port and countless middle class jobs.

The maritime industry has served as the economic engine of the state – and Seattle – for more than 150 years – supporting the employment of more than 148,000 citizens. The port was one of the few industries that grew during the most recent economic downturn, creating jobs and revenue for the city.

The Terminal 5 interim project is already an important job creator. The work there has created 417 new jobs in Seattle and Port Angeles – supporting more than 1,000 jobs in total for the region, and is creating revenue to facilitate the T5 upgrade project needed to support the most modern container vessels. These are the good family-wage jobs that you often speak about protecting. Recognizing this, the King County Labor Council endorsed the Terminal 5 interim lease agreement.

The port has had a long history and tradition of trade with Alaska and they continue to be Washington's largest domestic trading partner. It is unwise to attempt to politically intervene in a project that Alaska and the federal government have found legal and supports.

To compete globally and protect the middle class jobs the maritime industry is built on, the commercial relationship between our local maritime businesses, the port and the city cannot be jeopardized. As mayor, you have stated a commitment to ensuring that Seattle remains a viable and thriving maritime city.

However, your actions on this issue speak strongly otherwise.

Sincerely,

Cameron Williams  
President  
ILWU Local 19

Paul E. Stevens  
President & CEO  
Foss Maritime

Alan Cote  
National President  
Inlandboatmen's Union

Vince O'Halloran  
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