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Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the Building Trades, we would like to respectfully request that you sign the Lynnwood Link light rail extension Full Funding Grant Agreement with Sound Transit. Our organization recognizes the importance of jobs that this project will create and the community-building power of this type of work.

The building trades represent 80,000 construction workers including apprentices in Washington State, each of which represent cornerstone to the community and economy. Our organization would like to continue our partnership with Sound Transit to deliver this important transportation infrastructure for the Puget Sound. Projects like the Lynnwood Link Extension provide both immediate and knock-on benefits.

Construction of the extension will immediately contribute to living wage jobs in a broad range of fields, providing an estimated 3.6 million hours worked. Our future workforce will also greatly benefit from this project. With a 20% Apprenticeship Utilization we project 727,600 hours for apprentices, and with a 15% Apprenticeship utilization, we project 545,700 hours for apprentices. These labor hours are invaluable to training future leaders in the building trades.

The Puget Sound region is also critically dependent on efficient movement through its transportation corridors. Construction of the Lynnwood Link light rail extension not only helps commuters but will also help make the existing road corridors more efficient for commercial and freight use. In addition to members of the building trades commuting to a work site, each project constructed by the trades improves the efficiency of transportation corridors to move construction materials, heavy equipment, and every other component to developing infrastructure in the community. By providing new options for transportation, you are

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encouraging growth in many areas of the economy; both directly and indirectly involved in the project itself.

On behalf of the more than 80,000 working families across Washington State, we would like to thank you for your consideration, and once again respectfully request that you execute the Full Funding Grant Agreement for Lynnwood Link in 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monty Anderson", written in a cursive style.

MONTY ANDERSON
Executive Secretary

cc: Puget Sound Congressional Delegation

K. Jane Williams, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, USDOT
Sound Transit Board of Directors

Peter Rogoff, Chief Executive Officer, Sound Transit