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Dear Mr. Schuld and Mr. Clabaugh:

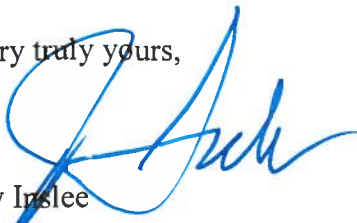
I am writing to follow up on my earlier conversations with both parties regarding the situation at the Port of Vancouver.

I am concerned that the current situation in Vancouver remains unresolved and that talks have not taken place in recent weeks. As I have discussed with both of you, this situation has the potential of damaging the long term reputation of Washington ports and has negatively impacted both the workers and the company. While I appreciate the patience and restraint that both parties have shown to date, we need to have talks that lead toward developing an equitable, long term solution to this dispute.

I strongly encourage both sides to renew a constructive dialogue on addressing the outstanding issues. Reengaging the Federal Mediator would be an important first step in this regard. We know that common ground can be met with good faith bargaining as shown by the TEMCO agreement and hope similar negotiations and progress can be made here.

I can't emphasize enough the importance of resolving this issue and maintaining the positive working relationships that have allowed Washington ports to be competitive in the global market place.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee
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