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February 22, 2023

Jefferson County
Attn: Board of County Commissioners
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL

RE: Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) application by **Port of Port Angeles**

This letter is intended to provide information to you pertaining to the **Port of Port Angeles'** application to the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board for authority to use a new procedure (the "Alternative Site Framework") to provide quick and simple access to FTZ service for companies in our region. Our organization is the grantee of FTZ **Clallam County/North Olympic Peninsula** and currently sponsors a limited number of FTZ sites in our region. The authority we are requesting from the FTZ Board would enable us to quickly bring FTZ designation to any company within our proposed "service area." Our proposed service area includes Jefferson County as well as Clallam County, San Juan County, Island County, Kitsap County, Grays Harbor County, Mason County, Skagit County, and Snohomish County.

FTZ designation can provide companies with customs duty savings and logistical benefits that can help encourage them to establish or maintain operations in the U.S. As such, access to FTZ benefits can be an important tool in economic development efforts. If the FTZ Board approves our application, **Port of Port Angeles** will be able to bring FTZ designation to companies anywhere in the proposed service area based on those companies' trade-related needs. We also note that FTZ access will be made available on a uniform basis to companies across the service area, in a manner consistent with the legal requirement that each FTZ be operated as a public utility.

Regarding any local taxes for which collections may be affected by FTZ designation of sites, FTZ **Clallam County/North Olympic Peninsula** application to establish its "service area" under the Alternative Site Framework does not propose any specific new FTZ sites (and therefore can have no impact on tax collections). At the time that any specific new site is proposed for FTZ designation in the future, we will contact parties potentially affected by the site's proposed designation (such as the county government) so that they can indicate their views on the impact on tax collections related to the proposed designation.

If you have questions about the **Port of Port Angeles'** application to the FTZ Board, please contact Caleb McMahon at Port of Port Angeles at calebm@portofpa.com. If you have comments you would like the FTZ Board to consider regarding the proposed inclusion of **Jefferson County** in the proposed service area of FTZ **Clallam County/North Olympic Peninsula**, please provide your comments to the staff of the FTZ Board by **March 20, 2023**. The FTZ Board staff also welcomes any questions you may have – the staff can be reached at 202-482-2862 or ftz@trade.gov

The Port would appreciate your support of this FTZ in our region. We have included a support letter example. If you could please send a support letter to my email by March 1, 2023, we would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Port of Port Angeles is applying for a Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) in Clallam County. Clallam County doesn't have an FTZ. We have attached our information letter to you of this exciting opportunity for our region.

The Port would appreciate your support. We have provided a sample support letter, which you can customize and return to us to be included with the Port's application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 360-417-3366.

Sincerely,

Caleb McMahon

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[Use letterhead appropriate for the county official signing the letter]

Date

Grantee Official Name

Grantee Organization

Address

Dear _____:

[The following paragraph is standard for all Service Area letters:]

The purpose of this letter is to document the support of this county for inclusion within the Service Area of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) **[insert FTZ number]**. We understand that this means that the grantee, **[insert name of grantee organization]**, will be able to apply to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board for authority to serve sites located within this county based on businesses' trade-related needs. We also note that the zone will be made available on a uniform basis to companies within this county, in a manner consistent with the legal requirement that each FTZ be operated as a public utility.

[The following paragraph must be included if the zone is in a state where FTZ designation of specific sites may have an impact on state/local tax collections (for example, *ad valorem* property taxes in Texas or real property taxes in Arizona):]

Regarding state or local taxes for which collections may be affected by FTZ designation of sites, this letter is not intended to provide a position on state or local tax issues for any site within this jurisdiction. At the time that any specific site is proposed for FTZ designation, parties potentially affected by the site's proposed designation (such as a local school board) will need to provide their own correspondence indicating their views on the impact on tax collections related to the proposed designation.

[Signature of county official]

[Title of county official]



Board of County Commissioners
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Kate Dean, District 1 Heidi Eisenhour, District 2 Greg Brotherton, District 3

March 13, 2023

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