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Port of Seattle Commission  
P.O. Box 1209  
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to thank the Port of Seattle and each of you personally for hosting and sponsoring the 2009 Maritime and Port Security Summit on May 28 and 29.

King County is a maritime county and Puget Sound comprises its entire western boundary. Our state and our region are very trade-dependent and our ports play a major role in our local, regional and state economies.

King County is also the regional leader in planning for emergencies and disasters. Our role is to foster communication and coordination between all jurisdictions and agencies in times of emergency or disaster.

Many times, effective disaster response is made easier because good interpersonal relationships have already been established between jurisdictions and organizations. Events such as the 2009 Maritime and Port Security Summit help to establish and nurture these relationships.

I also had the privilege of participating in a panel discussion at the summit with Commissioner Gael Tarleton. I learned a great deal about the perspectives of and the challenges faced by other jurisdictions. I think events such as this will help our entire region to work together to improve security at our ports.

Thank you again for your support of this event.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine  
Chair, King County Council  
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