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Port of Seattle Commissioners:

On behalf of the recreational and maritime community of the Pacific Northwest, I am writing to express my support for the proposed expansion of Seaview Boatyard. This letter comes from me as a professional in the industry and as someone who aligns philosophically with the Riise family's core beliefs and values on a personal level as well. As a family owned and operated business, Seaview Boatyard has served the community for over 40 years and throughout this tenure has been example of a high-quality, customer oriented service model that is a valuable asset to area boaters, maritime vendors and marine craftsmen. They are a pillar of the marine community and their support has been invaluable in the ongoing growth of this industry in our area.

Through the years, I have primarily been involved with Seaview Boatyard as manufacturer of anti-fouling paints. These products continue to evolve to meet not only the requirements of environmental compliance, but to aid in establishing a new benchmark for "green" boating. The Seaview philosophy of a clean boatyard has always been to go beyond the regulations and set a higher standard for environmental stewardship - to serve as an example for clean boatyard locally and nationally. When SeaHawk introduced our line of environmentally friendly products, they were embraced and promoted by Seaview. This was done not simply to be compliant, but to get behind technology that is better for our waters. Seaview continues to offer valuable input in the development of new products and with that support we continue to work on products that better serve our customers' needs.

I have been employed in the marine trades locally for more than 26 years and now serve on the board of trustees at Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA). Over the years, I have seen an exponential growth in recreational boating. With that growth comes an increasing need to provide service to boaters and their boats. Over the years I have seen the size of boats continue to grow along with a corresponding increase in the number of people enjoying all the area has to offer. However, the facilities to repair these boats seem to be on the decline. I believe expansion of Seaview Boatyard will help meet the demands of marina tenants and Puget Sound boaters.

Seaview is an important part of our economy providing jobs as well as maritime careers. I am not only a recreational boater, but I too help provide for my family by working in this industry. This industry provides us with family wage jobs and the expansion of the yard will bring more of those jobs that help stimulate our economy.

Thank you,

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