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Representative Derek Kilmer
1410 Longworth HOB
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Dear Representative Kilmer,

The Northwest Maritime Center has shared information on the FY2022 Community Project Funding opportunities and their intentions to submit a proposal.

This letter demonstrates our support of their efforts to expand the Port Townsend Maritime Academy and to build pathways to maritime careers for high school students in our region. Students learn and thrive in different ways, and the two-year pilot of this program confirms both the concept and the demand.

Further, we applaud the Maritime Center's community focus. A marine trades training facility is important to support our maritime customers and the Port of Port Angeles as we develop our Marine Trades Center.

Please accept this letter as evidence of full support.

Sincerely,

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