



The Honorable Patty Murray, United States Senator
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, United States Senator
The Honorable Suzan DelBene, United States Representative
The Honorable Denny Heck, United States Representative
The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler, United States Representative
The Honorable Derek Kilmer, United States Representative
The Honorable Rick Larsen, United States Representative
The Honorable Jim McDermott, United States Representative
The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers, United States Representative
The Honorable Dan Newhouse, United States Representative
The Honorable Dave Reichert, United States Representative
The Honorable Adam Smith, United States Representative

February 13, 2015

Dear Washington Congressional Delegation:

Your Washington constituent family farms, businesses and allied groups urgently express our grave concerns with the ongoing West Coast port labor dispute. The impacts of the slowdown of terminal activity at the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle and other West Coast container ports are severe. It is having a devastating impact on our livelihoods and the rural communities we support.

It is important that you recognize that there is nothing that we produce in Washington in agriculture and forest products that cannot be sourced from somewhere else. We can grow and process the best in the world, but if we cannot deliver our Washington products affordably and dependably, the foreign customers will go somewhere else and may never return.

After nine months of negotiations, both sides have reached an impasse, despite the involvement of a federal mediator. The continuous uncertainty, crippling congestion, ships skipping calls, random walk-outs and lock-outs have forced us to lay off Washingtonians, absorb huge financial losses, and prevented us from being able to export this year's crop. In fact, the uncertainty is already causing foreign customers to cancel orders for future deliveries!

Here in Washington, we are dependent on the foreign markets for so much of what we grow and manufacture. We take full advantage of trade agreements negotiated over the past two decades which have provided opportunities to new markets; but that has now come to a halt.

Our agriculture and forest products exports and imports have been extremely beneficial to our marine terminals and to the thousands of workers engaged in logistics and transport throughout the Pacific Northwest. We are now losing that cargo and those jobs.

Since the expiration of their contract last June, we have urged the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) to consider the devastating impact this dispute is having on Washington jobs and Washington's future as a supplier to the world. We have also urged the President to help resolve this contract negotiation. We desperately need your help to publically stress the importance of efficient and functioning ports and to get the parties to restore port productivity. Washington's future as a supplier of food and fiber to the world depends on it!

Following are 222 Washington constituents seeking your leadership.

Agriculture Transportation Coalition
Agri-Pac International, LLC

Grant

Agri-Pack LLC	Franklin
Alan Bird Farms	Grant
Allied Potato Northwest	Franklin
Allied Potato, Inc.	Franklin
Alta Premier LLC	Grant
Amello Freight	Pierce
Amocat Trading LLC	Pierce
Anderson Hay & Grain Co., Inc.	Kittitas
Anderville Farms Inc.	Grant and Kittitas
Apple House	Okanogan
Apple King LLC	Yakima
Arrowac Fisheries, Inc.	King
Avalon Risk Management	King
B & W Farms	Grant Benton, Franklin, Grant
Baker Produce, Inc.	Grant
Basic American Foods	Franklin
Basin Gold Coop	Grant
Ben Schaapman Farms	King
Best Way Trucking, Inc.	Grant
Blue Sky Management, LLC	Pend Oreille
Blue Slate Ranch	Pierce
Brown & Haley	
Bushman Organic Farms	
Bybee Produce, LLC	Benton
C&C Farms	Grant
C&C Farms Trucking Inc	Grant
Calaway Cascade Ag Trading	Kittitas
Calaway Trading, Inc.	Kittitas
Calloway Northwest LLC	Grant
Carr Farms LLC	Franklin
Carrson Ag LLC	Franklin
Challenger Lighting	
Chelan Fresh	Chelan
Chelan Fruit	Chelan
Clerf Farms, Inc.	Kittitas
Columbia Basin Development League	
Columbia Fruit Packers, Inc.	
Columbia Marketing International, LLC	Chelan
Columbia Reach Pack	Yakima

ConAgra Foods Lamb Weston	Benton
Congdon Orchards Inc.	Yakima
Country Cousins Inc.	Skagit
Customs Brokers and International Freight Forwarders Association of Washington State (CBIFFAWS).	
DSG Logistics	Yakima
D.J. Irvin Co., Inc	Spokane
Darigold	King
	Pend
Davis Ranch	Oreille
Desert Acres, Inc	Grant
Domex Superfresh Growers	Yakima
Double M Orchards LLC	Grant
Douglas Fruit	Franklin
Dovex Export Company	Chelan
Duvall Farms	Grant
	Franklin,
	Benton,
	Grant, and
	Adams
Easterday Farms	
Echo International Co.	
Eilers Farms	Grant
Encore Fruit Marketing, Inc	Whatcomb
Evans Fruit Company Inc.	Yakima
Excel International, LLC	King
	King and
	Walla
	Walla
F.C. Bloxom	
Far West Agribusiness Association	
Farm Wholesale ,Inc	Klickitat
Food Services of America	King
Food Shippers Association of North America	King
Forest Marketing Enterprises, Inc. (Formark)	Snohomish
	Franklin
	and
	Adams
Freeman Farms, LLC	
Friehe Farms	Grant
Frost Transportation Northwest	Franklin
G.S. Long Co., Inc	Yakima
	Walla
Gauntt Farms, Inc.	Walla
	Walla
GDL Farms, Inc.	Grant
Gebbers Farms	Okanogan
Glen Lewis Farm, Inc.	Franklin
Gold Digger Apples	Okanogan

Grain Millers	
Grant County	
Grigg and Sons, L.L.C.	Grant
Grigg Farms, L.L.C.	Grant
Guzman Orchards	Okanogan
Hansen Fruit Company	Yakima
Headley Farms	Franklin
Hop Growers of Washington	
HRB Industries	
Huntzinger Farms, Inc	Grant
Innovative Salon Products	Snohomish
Integrity Ag Inc	Grant
ITC Services, Inc	Grant
Jack L Omlin Farms	Grant
James Farrell & Co	King
Jaspo Inc.	King
JBM Orchards	Okanogan
JHRanches	Skagit
Jim Huntzinger	Grant Franklin, Benton, Grant
JMC Enterprises, Inc.	Grant
Jones Fruit & Produce, Inc.	Grant
Jones Procuce, Inc.	Grant
Kershaw Fruit	Yakima
Kevin Weber Farms	Grant
Kibun Foods (U.S.A.), Inc.	King
Klompen Farms	Grant
K-n-R Farms	Grant
Korab USA LLC	Clark
KYB Americas Corp.	
LC Farms, Inc	Grant
LCJC Land, LLC	Grant King and Pierce
Legacy Transport Services, Inc	
Logan Farm Equipment	
Lyall Farms	Yakima
MacDonald Meat Company, LLC	King King and Pierce
Mac-Millan Piper, Inc.	
Madrona Specialty Foods, USA	King
Makad Food International, LLC.	Clark
Marlin Hutterian Bretheren	Grant

Matson Fruit Company	Yakima
MAX International, Ltd.	King Klickitat and Benton
Mercer Canyons, Inc.	Benton
MHB Farms	Grant
Midwest Tube Fabricators	
Mike Hathaway	Benton
Mills Bros International	King
Milne Fruit Products Inc.	Benton
MJ Farms, LLC	Grant
National Frozen Foods Corporation	Lewis and Grant
National Onion Association	
Northwest Dairy Association	
Northwest Farm Credit Services	
Northwest Horticultural Council	
NW Food Processors Association	
Omwah, Inc dba World Beauty Wholesale	Clark
Organization of Kittitas County Timothy Growers & Suppliers	Kittitas
Pacific Coast Feather Company	King
Pacific Forest Products, Inc.	Kitsap
Pacific Northwest Asia Shippers Association	
Pacific Northwest Vegetable Association	
Pacific Rim Forwarders	King
Pacific Valley Foods, Inc.	King
PacificWoodtech	Skagit
Paul Sorenson Farm	Kittitas
PBI- Pacific Bag Inc	King
PCC Logistics	
Penford Food Ingredients	Benton
PG Wood Floors, LLC	King
Phend Rd Farms LLC	Franklin
Port of Pasco	Franklin
Port of Quincy	
Potandon Produce LLC	
Quincy Flying Service	Grant
Quincy Fresh Fruit, LLC	Grant
Quincy Valley Chamber of Commerce	Grant
Quincy Valley Fruit	
Radiant Global Logistics	King
Rainier Fruit Co	Yakima
Rate Bridge	

Rathbone Sales Inc.	Grant
Raymont Logistics Corp	Spokane
Rigor Farms	Benton
Ririe Farms Inc.	Franklin
RJK Fruit	
Sage Hill Northwest, Inc.	Franklin and Adam
Schneider Farms Pasco	Franklin
Simplot Food Group	Grant
Simplot--Jacklin Seed	Adams
Six C Cattle Company	Grant
Six C Hay Company	Grant
Skagit Valley's Best Produce, Inc	Skagit
Smith-Kem	Kittitas
Springside Farms LLC	Spokane
Sprint Forwarders Inc.	King
Stemilt Growers LLC	Chelan
Sunset Produce, LLC	Benton
Sunset Transport, Inc.	King
T&N Freeman Farms Inc.,	Grant
T&R Farms Inc.	Franklin
Terra Gold Farms	Adams and Franklin
The Dalles Fruit Company,LLC	
The Kern Company	
ToledoTel	Lewis
Toshiba Machine	
Totani America	
TricorBraun WinePak	
Tri-State Seed Company	Franklin
Tsillan Cellars Winery	Chelan
Twin City Foods Inc.	Snohomish
Underwood Fruit and Warehouse Company, LLC	Yakima
US Apple Association	
Valicoff Fruit Company Inc	Yakima
Veritrade International	King
Viva Tierra Organic, Inc.	Skagit
Volm Companies	Franklin
W.H. International, Inc.	Snohomish
Waddington Farms	Yakima
Wahluke Produce Inc.	Grant
Walker Bros. Inc.	Franklin

Ward Rugh, Inc.	Kittitas
Warden Hutterian Bretheren	
Washington Association of Wheat Growers	
Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers	
Washington Cattle Feeders Association	
Washington Cattlemen's Association	
Washington Farm Bureau	
Washington Friends of Farms & Forests	
Washington Fruit and Produce Co.	Yakima
Washington Grain Commission	
Washington Inspection Service, Inc.	Chelan
Washington Potato & Onion Association	
Washington Producers, Inc.	Franklin
Washington State Council of Farmer Cooperatives.	
Washington State Dairy Federation	
Washington State Grange	
Washington State Hay Growers Association	
Washington State Potato Commission	
Washington State Tree Fruit Association	
Weber Family Farms	Grant
Wesco International, Inc.	Kittitas
Western Washington Agricultural Association	
Windflow Fertilizer Inc.	Grant
World Pack Inc	Franklin
Yakima County Farm Bureau	Yakima
Yamato Transport USA Inc.	
Yorgesen Farms, Inc.	Grant