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37 Port Commissioners Endorse Bill Bryant for Governor

(Tacoma, WA) Today, the Bill Bryant campaign is pleased to announce that 37 port commissioners throughout Washington State are endorsing Bill Bryant in his race for Governor.

A letter signed by 37 port commissioners, who represent ports from across Washington State, declares Bryant has worked to "deliver services while adding to cash reserves and cutting property taxes", that he "worked with port commissioners from Vancouver to Everett to Moses Lake and Mattawa on transportation issues', "worked with commissioners from Port Angeles to Chelan to Walla Walla on initiatives to expand tourism" and has worked with port commissioners to save Puget Sound while protecting maritime jobs.

The letter commends Bill Bryant for his role in consolidating the seaports of Tacoma and Seattle into a single enterprise, stating, "Seeing it was needed took vision. Pushing it forward despite obstacles took persistence and leadership."

The letter states that the commissioners signing it are excited to endorse Bryant's candidacy for governor and will work to elect him.

[Letter Attached]

Washington Port Commissioners

As port commissioners from across Washington State we are excited to endorse Bill Bryant's candidacy for governor and will work to elect him.

After being elected to the King County/Seattle Port Commission in 2007, Bill immediately set to work delivering on commitments he made during his campaign.

As someone who built his own company, Bill is fiscally conservative, so he dug into the port's budget and found ways to deliver services while adding to cash reserves and cutting property taxes.

Bill worked with port commissioners from Vancouver to Everett to Moses Lake and Mattawa on transportation issues that supported middle class agricultural, maritime, aviation and industrial jobs.

Bill has worked with commissioners from Port Angeles to Chelan to Walla Walla on initiatives to expand tourism in Washington State.

He has coordinated with ports all around Puget Sound on efforts to save the Sound while protecting maritime jobs.

And, Bill exercised real leadership over the last six years by consistently encouraging Seattle and Tacoma port commissioners to negotiate a plan to consolidate the seaports of Tacoma and Seattle. That decision to modernize government will preserve Washington State's global competitiveness and keep jobs here. Seeing it was needed took vision. Pushing it forward despite obstacles took persistence and leadership.

From fiscal responsibility to tourism promotion to transportation to environmental protection, Bill has demonstrated he understands the issues and is the kind of leader who can pull people together to get results. Bill Bryant is the kind of leader we need as our governor.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Bob Eberle, Port of Anacortes

Commissioner Bill Short, Port of Anacortes

Commissioner Roy Keck, Port of Benton

Commissioner Robert Larson, Port of Benton

Commissioner Jane Hagarty, Port of Benton

Commissioner Larry Stokes, Port of Bremerton

Commissioner Axel Strakeljahn, Port of Bremerton

Commissioner Jack Bailey, Port of Brownsville

Commissioner J C Baldwin, Port of Chelan

Commissioner Mark Anders, Port of Chehalis

Commissioner Mark Spurgeon, Port of Douglas

Commissioner James Huffman, Port of Douglas

Commissioner David Preston, Port of Edmonds

Commissioner Jim Orvis, Port of Edmonds

Commissioner Jack Thompson, Port of Grays Harbor

Commissioner Skip Novakovich, Port of Kennewick

Commissioner Bob Bagaason, Port of Longview

Commissioner Wayne Sahli, Port of Mattawa

Commissioner Glenn Leland, Port of Mattawa

Commissioner Kent Jones, Port of Moses Lake

Commissioner Bill McGregor, Port of Olympia

Commissioner Ron Reimann, Port of Pasco

Commissioner Jim Klindworth, Port of Pasco

Commissioner John Calhoun, Port of Port Angeles

Commissioner Curt Morris, Port of Quincy

Commissioner Joe Melroy, Port of Ridgefield

Commissioner Scott Hughes, Port of Ridgefield

Commissioner Kristi Buck, Port of Shelton

Commissioner Connie Bacon, Port of Tacoma

Commissioner Dick Marzano, Port of Tacoma

Commissioner Don Meier, Port of Tacoma

Commissioner Jerry Oliver, Port of Vancouver

Commissioner Nancy Baker, Port of Vancouver

Commissioner Brian Wolfe, Port of Vancouver

Commissioner Mike Frederickson, Port of Walla Walla

Commissioner Ron Dunning, Port of Walla Walla

Commissioner John Love, Port of Whitman