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Seattle City Council  
City of Seattle  
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Seattle, WA 98104

Members of the Seattle City Council:

We write to urge you to oppose Council Bill 120933 to allow residential housing in the stadium overlay district located in historic Duwamish Manufacturing Industrial Center. This proposal would have a material negative impact on our maritime, manufacturing, and industrial sectors, impacting not just the City of Seattle, but the rest of the state, as well. The proposed action directly contradicts the Industrial and Maritime Strategy legislation enacted in 2023 and would likely harm current and future employment opportunities in the region.

As recommended by the City of Seattle's Industrial and Maritime Strategy, the current strategy was developed and adopted to support the next generation of industrial and maritime jobs, while providing equitable access to careers for traditionally under-represented populations. Specifically, the strategy and respondent legislation emphasized the need to provide stronger land-use protections for core industrial and maritime areas, while encouraging modern, innovative high-density industrial development in walkable areas near light rail stations, and seeking to create affordable opportunities for small-scale light-industrial businesses, makers, and creative arts. To help implement the city's enacted strategy, the Port of Seattle has committed to making additional strategic investments in infrastructure and programming that support a strong blue & green economy; establishing a Teal New Deal that positions Seattle as a 'port for the future'. If passed, Council Bill 120933 would not only convert scarce industrial property in the manufacturing and industrial center to another, non-confirming purpose, it would inevitably create the conditions for conversion of other properties in the future.

The area impacted by Council Bill 120933 also serves as the premier hub and economic engine in our State for international trade, manufacturing, and transportation. More than 9,000 truck trips per week pass through this area. The Manufacturing Industrial Center serves a multitude of interests and stakeholders outside of the Puget Sound, including agriculture and other major exporters. Adding major residential development to the area would create new pressures and challenges for the local transportation network, which would indirectly create new pressures and obstacles for businesses throughout Washington.

This action is intended to bring additional residential housing opportunities to the south downtown industrial area, and due to the massive shortfall of housing supply throughout the region and State; we understand and sympathize with the intent.

Regardless, we stand together in opposition to the proposed ordinance because we represent an array of constituencies that will be harmed by this proposal. Our farmers and agricultural exporters rely on the efficient movement of goods and easy access to international trade gateways. Healthy and resilient communities rely on clean, walkable neighborhoods with easy access to green space and public



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amenities. Enacting a policy that encourages residential development in the industrial area will inevitably slow commerce while also creating congested and unsafe roadways for residents. Knowing this, the State has enacted numerous bi-partisan efforts over the past several years aimed at creating more housing in areas that are already residential neighborhoods, including major efforts to expand 'missing middle' housing. We are confident in our ability to help craft solutions to the State's housing shortage that increase residential development and opportunity without negatively impacting middle class jobs, the local environment, and our maritime, manufacturing, and industrial sectors.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

State Representative Julia Reed (D-36<sup>th</sup> LD)  
Chair, Maritime Caucus

State Representative Jake Fey (D-27<sup>th</sup> LD)  
Chair, House Transportation Committee

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Chair, Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources  
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Chair, House Education Committee

State Senator Nikki Torres (R-15<sup>th</sup> LD)  
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State Representative Mark Klicker (R-16<sup>th</sup> LD)  
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State Representative David Stuebe (R-17<sup>th</sup> LD)  
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State Representative Chipalo Street (D-37<sup>th</sup> LD)  
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