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All four senators from Washington and Oregon have signed a letter to the director of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and ASA Darcy at the Army Corps of Engineers signaling their strong support of increased funding for the region's small ports in the President's FY2017 budget. Similar to an [earlier letter](#) signed by the entire House delegation from the two states, the Senate letter expresses the Senators' concern with the funding levels small ports received in previous budgets, and urges the Administration to provide more funding as outlined in WRRDA 2014.

The letter, spearheaded by Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), also stresses that, "it is the responsibility of the federal government to ensure that coastal ports in Oregon and Washington remain open for business and continue to contribute to the regional and national economy." The Senators also applaud the important role that Washington and Oregon's coastal ports play in their communities, and the many direct and indirect jobs supported by port activities. PNWA was pleased to partner with these offices on the effort to produce this letter, and our membership sincerely appreciates the efforts of these Members on behalf of our small ports. To read the entire letter, click [here](#).