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*Pat McCarthy*

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**Office of the Washington State Auditor  
Pat McCarthy**

January 8, 2019

Board of Commissioners and CEO/Executive Director  
Port of Everett  
P.O. Box 538  
Everett, WA 98206

Dear Commissioners:

The Office of the Washington State Auditor recognizes the Port of Everett's dedication to making government work better.

The Port recently celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> year of operation and throughout this time, the Port's leadership has promoted a culture of accountability and a dedication to maintaining strong internal controls throughout its processes. Management has consistently shown compliance with state law and the Port's own policies by immediately acting on suggestions or recommendations throughout the Port's audits and by staying current on regulations. Of particular note, the Port has not received an audit finding in over 20 years.

Port management has consistently demonstrated dedication to proactive risk evaluation and resolution, compliance with applicable requirements, transparency and an attitude that invites our Office's guidance. We would like to specifically acknowledge Chief Financial Officer John Carter and Controller Robert Marion for their partnership throughout the audit process. It is clear that John, Robert and the Port's finance staff understand financial matters affecting the Port and dedicate time to thoroughly researching financial transactions to ensure they are correctly reported. Beyond accounting for the Port's own operations, we commend the Port and Controller Marion for volunteering to help others by participating in our Office's Local Government Advisory Committee to assess upcoming accounting changes and assist in creating guidance to help others learn of and implement these changes.

It is apparent the Port management and staff want to be accountable to the citizens and good stewards of public funds, understand the value of our audits, and have fostered a positive and professional working relationship with the Washington State Auditor's Office.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the citizens of Washington.

Sincerely,

  
**Pat McCarthy**  
STATE AUDITOR