

We read with interest your public statement regarding the desire to obtain the Kimberly-Clark property on the Everett waterfront adjacent to the Port “by any means necessary.” While we welcome your interest in the property and appreciate the Port’s stated willingness to work cooperatively with Kimberly-Clark to develop a mutually beneficial purchase and sale agreement, your statement regarding the potential use of eminent domain does raise a number of questions for us.

As you are aware, Kimberly-Clark is currently actively marketing the property to interested buyers in an ongoing effort to bring commerce and employment back to the Everett waterfront – which we believe is an interest shared by both the Port and the City of Everett. By asserting the prospect of eminent domain in such a high profile manner, is it the Port’s intention to quell private marketing activity and discourage K-C’s efforts to sell the property to any party other than the Port of Everett? We would appreciate your clarification as to whether or not the Port intends to preclude private employers from operating on the property in the future.

If not, we want to be able to continue pursuing transactions with one or more private parties that would be compatible with the Port’s expected long-term use of Kimberly-Clark’s former Everett mill property. In that regard, please identify the Port’s intended use(s) for the property so that we can continue marketing the property to private parties in a way that is compatible with the Port’s plans.