

Good morning, my name is Peter Schrappen and I serve as the Vice President for the American Waterways Operators, which is the advocate, resource, and united voice for the tugboat, towboat, and barge industry.

Our industry – which supports thousands of family-wage jobs in Seattle and Washington State -- serves as a vital part of Washington’s supply chain – opposes [Council Bill 120933](#) (to amend the 2023 Maritime and Industrial Lands policy to build housing in the Stadium District.)

You are going to hear from a number of leaders from throughout Seattle today. We stand with the “We had a deal” coalition.

Once these industry lands are replaced with homes, they are gone forever.

Our coalition ended our most recent letter to you with a simple message and I’ll conclude with that, “This is not just about protecting what we have. It is about building a future where our maritime industry thrives, our workers succeed, and our state continues to lead in global trade.”

Thank you for your time.