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Statement from Port of Centralia Commission
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The Port of Centralia appreciates the Centralia City Council's decision to approve our proposal and lift the moratorium on large-scale industrial development. This action marks an important step forward for Centralia's economic future and reflects the strong partnership that has been rebuilt between the Port, the City, and Lewis County.

The Council's vote affirms a shared commitment to responsible growth, job creation, and long-term investment in our community. By allowing modern distribution and manufacturing facilities to move forward, Centralia is positioning itself to attract employers that bring family-wage jobs, expand the tax base, and strengthen the financial foundation of our schools, fire services, and public infrastructure.

We are grateful for the hard work of City staff, County staff, and Port staff throughout this process. The collaborative approach taken over the past several months demonstrates what is possible when local governments work together with transparency, professionalism, and a focus on community benefit.

The Port of Centralia remains committed to developing high-quality industrial parks, protecting surrounding neighborhoods, and ensuring that future projects align with the City's zoning, the Port's Master Plan, and the long-term vision for Centralia. We look forward to continuing this partnership as we move into the next phase of development and investment.

On behalf of the Port Commission, thank you to the Centralia City Council for your leadership and support.

Peter Lahmann and Ally Pickard
Commissioners of the Port of Centralia