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## A letter of support for the doctoral student Mohan Saini

Dear Doctoral Defence Board!

I would like to take this opportunity to support doctoral student Mohan Saini in his doctoral defence.

Unfortunately, due to a visit to NC State University in the USA, I am unable to be present at Mohan's doctoral defence today.

Doctoral student Mohan Saini has successfully finished all his study obligations at Tomas Bata University in Zlin along with his scientific publications. He successfully completed a doctoral thesis entitled "Assessing the factors impacting the shipping container dwell time: A multiport research study" under my supervision and the supervision of Ing. Denisa Hrušecká, Ph.D.

As a doctoral student with several years of experience in the logistics, Mohan has proven to be professional and persistent in his research on container port logistics with a focus on the research challenges of container dwell time.

Mohan has regularly updated me on his research models, findings and achievements. He spent part of his doctoral studies in India and collected valuable data from the Indian seaports (container terminals). He also spent time in my laboratory at the Faculty of Logistics, University of Maribor in Slovenia to validate and analyse the data. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, he was unable to spend more time in my laboratory at the Faculty of Logistics.

Based on the research findings in his doctoral thesis, I strongly believe that the research Mohan will present to you today will add value to the logistics research community and will have a significant impact on the shipping container dwell time not only in Indian seaports but also in seaports in other parts of the world (Middle East, Asia, EU, America).

At the end of this letter of support, I wish Mohan all the best and a lot of success in his future career.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Tone Lerher, Ph.D.