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Dear Mr. Anderson:

The National Construction Alliance II strongly supports Jordan Cove Energy Project's application to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to non-Free Trade Act countries from Coos Bay, Oregon. The National Construction Alliance respectfully requests your expedited approval of the company's application.

The National Construction Alliance II (NCA II) – a partnership between two of the nation's leading construction unions, the International Union of Operating Engineers and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America – represents nearly one-million workers across the United States and Canada, many of whom build the nation's energy infrastructure. Because of the tangible, concrete commitment made by Jordan Cove to use a Project Labor Agreement, members of the NCA II, if approved, will build the liquefied natural gas export facility. This commitment maximizes the economic-development benefits of the project and ensures that the best trained and most productive workers in the construction industry will build the massive project.

The Jordan Cove Energy Project – \$5.7 billion investment in Coos Bay; \$7.5 billion when construction of the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline is figured in – is undeniably consistent with the public interest. The project will create an average of 900 construction jobs over 42 months. In other words, this project will create job security for a workforce of over 900 people, something that is almost unheard of in the construction trades, particularly in this economically-devastated region. Peak employment will reach about 2,000 construction jobs. The unemployment rate in Coos County, Oregon, remains above 10 percent, and the national unemployment rate in construction hovers around 16%. Jordan Cove will permanently employ approximately 150 people with average annual wages over \$80,000, plus benefits. The project will also create an additional 50-60 support jobs (including Sheriff's deputies, firefighters, tugboat crews and emergency planners). Needless to say, this project will catalyze economic activity in Coastal Oregon.



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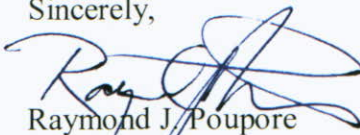
The tax revenue alone related to this project will be a game-changer for local governments in the region. The terminal will directly generate \$20 million a year for local governments (through ad valorem taxes or payments in lieu of taxes) for the first three years (with an additional \$12 million in tax revenue coming from the pipeline). The terminal will inject \$30 million to \$40 million a year in revenue thereafter. The Jordan Cove terminal will lead to a modernization of the Port of Coos Bay's facilities and add to the economic-development assets of the region, which may incent importers and exporters of other goods to build future construction projects.

Additionally, Jordan Cove Energy Project represents a significant and unique environmental and economic opportunity for Hawaiians. The Energy Information Administration reports that Hawaii imported 94% of its energy and possessed the highest electricity prices of any state in the nation in 2010. Other than a limited but growing renewable energy sector, a small waste-to-energy facility, and a small amount of coal-fired generation, all the other electricity in the state is generated by burning petroleum. More than 75% of Hawaii's electricity is generated this way. Utilities in the 50<sup>th</sup> state have understandably expressed an interest in importing cleaner natural gas from Jordan Cove Energy Project, improving air quality and lowering costs.

On behalf of the nearly one-million members of the Carpenters and Operating Engineers, I urge you to approve Jordan Cove's license to export LNG to non-Free Trade Act countries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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