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The Honorable Ron Wyden
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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United State Senate
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The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Greg Walden
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kurt Schrader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Oregon Congressional Delegation,

I am writing to ask you to encourage the U.S. Department of Energy to approve the Jordan Cove Energy project's application to export LNG out of Coos Bay, Oregon. The fact is that we need new industry here in the Coos Bay/North Bend area. Unfortunately, previous efforts to attract new companies to our community have failed. This is the result of a variety of things, including our lack of infrastructure. The Jordan Cove Energy Project will turn things around.

The Jordan Cove Energy Project will help Coos County attract new businesses and create new family wage jobs, all while increasing the level of disposable income in the area, which is good for a small business owner like me. In particular, the Jordan Cove export facility will lead to a redevelopment and modernization of the Port of Coos Bay's infrastructure and will provide the cornerstone for new industrial economic development on the North Spit of Coos Bay. The associated power plant has the capability and capacity to deliver power into the grid which will provide additional electrical capacity to the area and help build redundancy into the local power grid. The Pacific Connector Pipeline will significantly increase the availability of natural gas in Southwest Oregon, making the region more competitive in attracting industries that require reliable, large volumes of natural gas while providing opportunities for existing businesses to convert to natural gas fuel in order to enhance their competitiveness and retain jobs in the region.

That is to say nothing of the fact that exporting North American natural gas from Coos Bay simply makes sense. Due to surplus supply of natural gas in the Western part of North America and excess natural gas pipeline capacity in the Pacific Northwest, Jordan Cove can export LNG without driving up the price of natural gas at home. Overseas, where this natural gas will be consumed, the end result will be to help our allies grow their economies, decrease their

reliance on nuclear energy and coal, and reduce their dependence on Middle East energy, all of which will benefit the US's stature in the world.

A lot of good will come from this project, but only if the DOE approves Jordan Cove's export license. Please encourage DOE to do just that.

Sincerely,

Richard Turi
Architect

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Turi". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.