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May 13, 2013

The Honorable Ron Wyden
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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
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The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
U.S. House of Representatives
439 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Greg Walden
U.S. House of Representatives
2182 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Kurt Schrader
U.S. House of Representatives
108 Cannon House Office Building
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Re: Jordan Cove Energy Project

Dear Oregon Congressional Delegation Members,

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce represents 600 Douglas County businesses and organizations employing nearly 17,000 residents. The Roseburg Area Chamber ardently supports and endorses the Jordan Cove Energy Project.

The 1938 Natural Gas Act requires a permit to export natural gas to countries with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement (non-FTA countries) but, mandates that the Department of Energy (DOE) approve such a permit unless it determines that doing so is not consistent with the public interest. This project is undoubtedly in the public interest.

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce has supported this project since 2009. This position is based on a clear understanding of the need for increased alternatives to traditional sources of energy and the economic benefits this project will bring to our region. These benefits include much-needed construction jobs, permanent jobs in Coos Bay, neighboring coast communities and counties and, an estimated more than \$2 million per year to Douglas County in property taxes throughout the lifetime of the pipeline.

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To advocate for and be the voice of the business community in the greater Roseburg area.

To strengthen, enhance and protect our members through political advocacy, economic development, community promotion and member programs and services.

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The Jordan Cove terminal and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline that will supply gas to the Jordan Cove terminal in Coos Bay represent a combined \$7.5 billion investment in a part of rural Oregon that has been economically challenged for more than 30 years. This construction project will create an average of 1,750 construction jobs over 42 months (with peak manpower being 3,400 construction jobs).

When the construction project is complete, and the LNG export terminal is up and running, Jordan Cove is proposed to, directly or indirectly, support the creation of over 750 jobs in the region and generate much needed tax revenue to Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Klamath counties. The Jordan Cove terminal and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline will also enhance the Port of Coos Bay and southern Oregon's infrastructure, helping the economically depressed region attract new businesses and create new jobs.

The benefits of the Jordan Cove Energy Project to southwest Oregon are undeniable, but the benefits don't stop here. Asian countries that buy our natural gas will fuel their growing economies – stronger Asian economies means additional consumers of U.S. exports – and decrease their reliance on nuclear energy and other fossil fuels while increasing their use of clean energy alternatives. In addition, the State of Hawaii is seeking to improve air quality by transitioning its electricity generation from heavy fuel oil to natural gas, but this transition will only be cost-effective if LNG is shipped from a West Coast terminal. Currently, Jordan Cove is the only viable West Coast LNG export project pending before DOE.

All of these benefits—local and global—can be realized without increasing natural gas prices in the Pacific Northwest, due in part to a surplus supply of natural gas in the western part of North America and a surplus of natural gas pipeline infrastructure in the region.

On behalf of our organization and those we represent, I respectfully request your support of this important project. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

ROSEBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra L. Fromdahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "F".

Debra L. Fromdahl
President & CEO