

May 23, 2013

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

The South Coast Development Council (SCDC) strongly urges you to support the Jordan Cove Energy Project proposed for Oregon's South Coast. This project will provide much needed and long anticipated private infrastructure enhancement and economic opportunity that can provide our underserved region the tools it needs to become economically strong well into the future.

The South Coast Development Council is a regional economic development organization charged with improving the economic viability of the Southern Oregon Coast. We 'connect the dots' for commercial retention, expansion and recruitment, consulting on siting, permitting processes and business enhancement strategies. Our mission statement is: "The South Coast Development Council's mission is to promote and support businesses that provide quality jobs through responsible development on Oregon's South Coast."



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The Jordan Cove Energy Project epitomizes the core of our mission, so we respectfully ask that you support this project for its far-reaching benefits for the economic future of the South Coast.

The Jordan Cove Energy Project will improve Southwest Oregon's economy in a number of ways. First, the project will enhance the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay and Southwest Oregon's infrastructure (with over \$7.5 billion in private investment dollars), helping our struggling region to become a major maritime shipping region, and through enhanced transportation and education, attract new businesses and create hundreds of new jobs. The project will also generate tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue (or payments in lieu of taxes) for Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Klamath counties that will be used to improve local services and boost area schools, all of which will make our area more attractive for those thinking about moving to our community from other places. The fact that the Jordan Cove Energy Project will create hundreds of new – and permanent – family-wage jobs in Southwest Oregon is just one of the many local benefits – of national importance is the clean energy conversion that the project will bring to international markets.

In short, this project to help bring seriously positive changes to Southwest Oregon, our nation and our world. Of course, none of this will be realized if the Department of Energy does not approve Jordan Cove's non-FTA LNG export application.

In fact, failure by the DOE to give the company permission to export LNG out of Southwest Oregon will not only leave our community without a pathway out of our long economic morass, it will also leave many Asian countries – and Hawaii – without access to clean energy fuel, continuing the massive carbon footprint of other currently utilized energy sources.

Your support of this project is critical as it reaches this most necessary step for moving forward. We know the people of Southwest Oregon, the State of Oregon, and our nation can count on you for your support.

Sincerely,



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