

May 7, 2013

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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United State Senate
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The Honorable Greg Walden
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Dear Oregon Congressional Delegation:

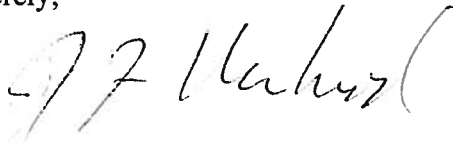
South Coast Business Employment Corporation (SCBEC) strongly supports the Jordan Cove Energy Project because of the enormous economic boost it will provide to Southwest Oregon. SCBEC urges you to do everything you can to ensure this project moves forward.

SCBEC is a private, non-profit corporation serving the people and businesses of the Southern Oregon Coast. Among other things, we are involved in workforce training and development activities. Because of this work, SCBEC knows first-hand just how dire the job situation in Southwest Oregon is. Just last week we received the sad news that two XEROX call centers in the Coos Bay North Bend area will be permanently closing in July, 2013 affecting 285 employees, the largest facility closure we have ever been involved with in our over 30 years of work on the Southern Oregon coast. The Jordan Cove Energy Project will help turn this around. The completed facility is expected to employ nearly 150 people and Jordan Cove plans to fund over 50 public safety positions, including sheriff's deputies, firefighters, tugboat crews and emergency planners. All told (when indirect and induced jobs are taken into account), projections indicate that this project will create 750 permanent jobs in Southwest Oregon.

Equally significant is the tax revenue and other payments the project will generate. We understand the Jordan Cove facility, when fully operational, will have a taxable basis of about \$4.5 billion. The tax receipts on a \$4.5 billion asset are enormous. While we understand Jordan Cove will get some tax breaks as a result of the terminal being located in an Enterprise Zone, the fact the company has committed to fund an "Education Trust" with the amount of money that is not paid in taxes should be commended. Much of this money will go to Coos County schools. Better schools and infrastructure improvements will attract yet more businesses to the area and job growth that will turn around our shrinking labor market.

The bottom line is this: Southwest Oregon is hurting and Jordan Cove wants to inject a significant amount of private dollars into the economy, creating hundreds of permanent jobs and generating millions of dollars in tax revenue. This is an opportunity that we should not let pass us by.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.J. McLeod". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

J.J. McLeod
Chief Executive Officer
South Coast Business Employment Corporation