



May 21, 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  
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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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Re: Jordan Cove Energy Project

Dear Oregon Congressional Delegation Members,

The Partnership for Economic Development in Douglas County is a non-profit, public-private partnership devoted to expanding opportunities for family wage employment in Douglas County. Our membership includes government entities and private employers with a stake in the health of the local economy.

The Partnership recently joined the BOOST Southwest Oregon group in support of the proposed Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector projects. We believe strongly that these projects are in the public interest—of Douglas County, southwest Oregon, Oregon as a whole, and the nation.

The project brings critically needed investment to the south coast, and the Port of Coos Bay. The Port has the potential to be a major driver of economic activity in the region and the infrastructure investments that will take place as part of this project will position the Port to continue to support—and drive—industrial development in the area. This relates very directly to our mission, encouraging the creation of new family-wage employment. The transportation and distribution sector is an area of strong potential growth, and a healthy, expanding Port positions all of southwest

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Oregon to benefit. These impacts are above and beyond the thousands of construction jobs, and hundreds of high-paying permanent jobs associated with the project.

Another critical benefit to Douglas County is that the new connector pipeline will inter-tie with the existing I-5 Williams pipeline. As you may be aware, that line runs south from the Portland region, and terminates in Grants Pass. It is heavily subscribed and any new industrial user of significant size can only be offered an “interruptible” supply. This is a very real limitation on industrial economic development in this portion of the I-5 corridor, and the Pacific Connector project will alleviate this constraint on new economic investment.

On behalf of The Partnership for Economic Development in Douglas County, I respectfully request your support of these important projects. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kelly Morgan  
Board Chair