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

Knife River Corporation strongly supports the Jordan Cove Energy Project (JCEP). I hope you will encourage the Department of Energy (DOE) to approve Jordan Cove's application for an export license to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) out of Coos County.

Southwest Oregon is experiencing chronic financial distress from reduced Federal timber harvests that have led to dramatic employment and revenue declines in the region. As a result, cities and counties in this part of the State are making difficult and painful cuts in public services at the same time social services are being strained by public needs. The Jordan Cove Energy Project will help turn things around.

If Jordan Cove receives its DOE export license, it will begin construction on the export facility and accompanying power plant in the second half of 2014. This construction project is slated to last for nearly four years, during which time it will employ thousands of people and provide work for numerous local suppliers. Knife River Corporation is well-poised to benefit from this project. Our company, which has numerous locations in Southwest Oregon, provides aggregate, asphalt, building materials, cement, construction services, liquid asphalt, ready-mix concrete and many more construction-related products and services.

On a personal note, I have lived in Coos Bay/North Bend for 55 years and over that time our population base has declined – there have been fewer and fewer reasons for people to stay. It is time for this community to grow, so our children can live here with us and not have to move to Eugene or Portland to get a job. Simply put, Southwest Oregon needs a boost, and that is exactly what Jordan Cove will provide. In addition to the construction jobs, this project will create long term jobs both directly and indirectly, Jordan Cove will invest in infrastructure improvements that will provide the foundation for more opportunities, and the taxes generated by Jordan Cove will put teachers in schools, police officers on the streets and beds in our jails.

Thank you for everything that you do for Southwest Oregon. I hope you will continue your strong advocacy for this part of the State and do whatever you can to support the Jordan Cove Energy Project.

Sincerely,



Rick Skinner
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