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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
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
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The Honorable Kurt Schrader
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Dear Oregon Congressional Delegation,

The Coquille Indian Tribe sends this letter to express its support for the Jordan Cove Energy and Pacific Gas Connector Projects. We hope the Department of Energy will approve Jordan Cove's application to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to non-free trade agreement (NFTA) countries.

The Coquille Indian Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe that is headquartered in North Bend, Oregon, only three linear miles from the project site. The Tribe is charged with the responsibility to, among other things, promote the social and economic welfare of Coquille Indians. For many years, Coquille Tribal members and our surrounding community have suffered from a lack of economic growth.

The proposed project will be built virtually entirely on our aboriginal lands and will provide jobs for more than two thousand construction workers. Operation of the LNG export facility will support approximately 750 new, permanent jobs in the area. This number includes 150 people that Jordan Cove will directly employ to operate the LNG export facility, and an additional 54 positions that Jordan Cove will directly support, including Sheriff's deputies, firefighters, tugboat crews and emergency planners. The project will enhance the Port of Coos Bay and Southwest Oregon's infrastructure (with private dollars), helping our struggling community to attract new businesses and create new jobs.

This project will generate tens of millions of dollars in tax revenue (or payments in lieu of taxes) for governments and school districts located in Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Klamath counties. These are the kinds of changes that are needed in this economically struggling area of the State.

The economic impacts of the Jordan Cove Energy Project will be enormous and will positively impact our Tribal businesses. Whether it is the direct economic impacts of this project, including the aforementioned employment of local workers and the local purchases of goods and services, or the indirect impacts such as redirected spending and increased local purchasing power for families, Tribal businesses will benefit from an increased demand for the products and services they offer. Already, Tribal businesses account for one in every 28 jobs in Coos County. The impact of the Jordan Cove Energy Project on Tribal businesses will likely help that number will go up. This is good for the local economy, as Tribal jobs pay between 16-60% better than jobs at comparable local businesses, and offer a stronger slate of employee benefits, particularly in the hospitality sector.

In closing, the Jordan Cove Energy Project will provide a huge boost for Tribal businesses and propel southwest Oregon into a brighter economic future, but only if DOE approves Jordan Cove's NFTA LNG export license. I hope you will help make this a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brenda Meade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Brenda Meade, Chairperson
Coquille Indian Tribe