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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley:

I strongly support legislation to expedite the authorization of liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facilities. The proposed LNG facilities, including the Jordan Cove facility in Coos Bay and the Pacific Connector Pipeline, will bring an important investment to communities across the country. In addition to improving the economy here at home, the export of natural gas will meet the need of American's allies for an additional source of natural gas.

Unfortunately, many of these LNG export projects are mired in the regulatory approval process. The current review and approval process has created a backlog of LNG export applications. The delays are inhibiting America's economic growth. There is a solution. Congress can enact legislation that creates a more efficient review process yet still holds companies to a high environmental standard.

Streamlining the approval process for natural gas exports will create jobs here in Oregon. The construction of the Jordan Cove LNG terminal and the Pacific Connector would stimulate the economy and provide much needed family wage jobs. This influx of jobs and economic activity would mean a great deal to southern Oregon and to the entire state.

There are many benefits beyond job creation. LNG exports will lessen our trade deficit, contributing to the American economy, and strengthen our position globally. Natural gas is the cleanest of the fossil fuels, and advances in technologies have ensured that natural gas can be extracted in a clean, efficient manner.

Recently proposed legislation would enact transparency and urgency for the reviews of LNG permits. America can benefit economically while supporting our allies and providing clean fuel for the world. I urge you to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

Don Skundrick, Chair  
Board of Commissioners