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Oregon House Committee on  
Consumer Protection and Government Efficiency  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, OR 97301-4047

**RE: Support for SB 814**

Dear Representatives:

The Greenbrier Companies is pleased to offer its support for SB 814, the Oregon Environmental Cleanup Assistance Act. Greenbrier, headquartered in Lake Oswego, is a leading supplier of transportation equipment and services to the railroad industry. Greenbrier builds new railroad freight cars in its four manufacturing facilities in the U.S. and Mexico. We also build marine barges at our U.S. facility. Gunderson is Greenbrier's principal U.S. manufacturing facility. Located on a deepwater facility on the Willamette River, Gunderson currently employs over 800 Oregon workers and is impacted by the Portland Harbor Superfund site. Greenbrier participates in the Lower Willamette Group (LWG) a small subset of potentially responsible parties (PRPs) identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) who have worked with EPA to coordinate remediation planning activities by means of a remedial investigation and feasibility study of the Portland Harbor Superfund site.

Greenbrier participates in LWG because it cares about the environmental condition and economic vitality of the Portland Harbor. We also believe the completion of the remedial investigation and feasibility study is the best route to determine a reasonable and effective clean-up of the site at a rational cost.

Greenbrier is hopeful that its commitment to the LWG process over more than a decade of rigorous analysis will soon result in the issuance of a cleanup plan and record of decision from EPA. As that time approaches, the provisions of the Oregon Environmental Cleanup Assistance Act will assist the 142 PRPs identified by EPA, which include both private parties and government agencies, as the parties determine responsibility for cleanup of the Portland Harbor site.

The provisions of SB 814 will assist the PRPs in determining what resources are available to assist with the clean up as well as expedite the resolution of claims between parties. Also, SB 814 will promote settlements by allowing insurers that pursue settlements in good faith to limit some types of contribution claims that could be brought against them by other insurance carriers.

We appreciate the Committee's consideration of the Oregon Environmental Cleanup Assistance Act. We urge your support of SB 814.

Sincerely



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