

Honorable Senator Beyer,

Hello, I am Tom Starner, a resident and business co-owner of the Butterfly Effect Llc located at 584 Winchester ave, Reedsport Oregon 97467. After reading the statements made by Jonathan Wright, our city manager, I find it disturbing to think that the economic strides our struggling community has overcome over that last 10 years in again in peril. Although I have only been a resident for a year and a half, I have seen what a difference our local shipyard (Fred Wahl Marine construction ) has provided in economic stability for our longtime residents as well as the new residents that has moved here to work for the shipyard. As our county is one of the hardest hit, with new stricter governmental regulations in the forestry and fishing industries, we struggle daily with income fluctuations. If the port project were to pass, we feel that the cost of operating the private shipyard against the public shipyard proposal would be overwhelming, and many very important employment opportunities would be in jeopardy.

Please do not let this small community of Reedsport become another negative government statistic of bad bureaucracy decisions, made by outside influences seeking to fill thier tills with local communities hard working residents.