



December 23, 2019

Attn: Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Shaver Transportation Company Support for Budget Note in HB 5024

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Johnson, Senator Steiner Hayward, Representative Rayfield and Members of the Committee:

Since 1880, Shaver Transportation has served the Columbia and Snake River System with marine transportation. Shaver transportation has a large fleet of tugboats and barges to support the economic benefits of marine transport. The 6th generation of the Shaver family is currently at our helm as we continue to innovate and provide a wide range of river related services. Our company has over 100 employees and three major lines of business: ship assist, inland grain and bulk commodity transportation and harbor/marine services, all directly related to Columbia and Willamette River commerce.

Shaver Transportation strongly supports the re-opening and repairs to the Willamette Falls Locks. The reopened locks will provide additional access to the Willamette River and additional future economic opportunities. In addition to the commercial and economic advantages, the Locks also represents a unique cultural component of the region's history. Finally, in an era of ever increasing pressure to reduce carbon and fossil fuel consumption, re opening of these locks opens an avenue for bulk transport that is nearly 4 times more efficient in terms of fuel consumption and emissions than utilizing our already heavily congested surface transportation system.

We appreciate the opportunity to share our support in the efforts to re-open this river link for transportation in Oregon.

Best regards,

Robert D. Rich, V.P. Marine Services
Shaver Transportation Company



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December 13th, 2019

Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Co-Chairs Senator Johnson,
Senator Steiner Hayward,
Representative Rayfield
and Members of the Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for Budget Note in HB 5024 – Willamette Falls Lock Repair Funding

Marine Industrial Construction, LLC strongly supports the passage of HB 5024 for the repair and operations of the Willamette Falls Locks. As a marine based construction company, MIC sees the major opportunities for marine construction in the upper Willamette River. This includes numerous public infrastructure such as dam repairs; bridge maintenance, inspections and repairs; revetment and shoreline erosion protection; environmental restoration projects; utilities installation and maintenance (such as sewage line repairs, intakes for industrial facilities, etc.); boat landings; and emergency dredging. These jobs require heavy marine equipment such as derricks, barges and tugboats that can only access the upper Willamette River through the Willamette Falls Locks.

Over the past 10 years, we have performed these activities in the upper Willamette River including recent projects like:

- Repairs for the City of Wilsonville Sewage Lines in Willamette River
- Repairs to Discharge at industrial facilities in West Linn
- Supporting PGE power generation by clearing debris from the dam at Willamette Falls
- Pile driving for numerous clients

The Willamette Falls Locks allows marine based construction companies to provide services to residents, municipalities and others for over 30 miles of river in the Upper Willamette. We look forward to the future operations for the people of the state of Oregon.

Thank You,

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Tom McCauley
Marine Industrial Construction, LLC

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December 19, 2019

Attn: Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Co-Chairs Senator Johnson,
Senator Steiner Hayward,
Representative Rayfield
and Members of the Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: HB 5024 (Locks Support)

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Johnson and Senator Steiner Hayward:

Patton Oregon Properties urges the support of HB 5024 (and its budget note) which funds the repair of the Willamette River Locks at the requested \$14.4 Million Dollars. The locks are a critical infrastructure that has numerous historical, cultural and recreational opportunities in addition to potential huge economic advantages for barging materials and recreational income streams.

The environmental advantages for river transportation have been demonstrated and it is important in the Portland Metropolitan area to work on reduced traffic, highway, and local roads repairs.

Please support all opportunities to reduce potential pollution emissions in the Metro Area.

Thank You,

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Patton Oregon Properties

Bridgette Francis (Assistant Manager)

Guy Roberts Lumber Company

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December 19, 2019

Re: Support Opening the Willamette Falls Locks

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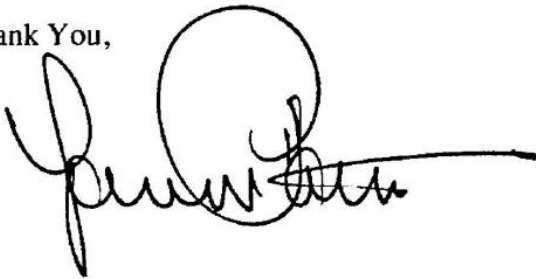
Dear Senators and Representatives,

Guy Roberts Lumber Company wishes to provide its support of re-opening the Willamette Falls Locks. The locks provide an important infrastructure that can allow the economic advantages for moving timber related resources and also provide an important access to additional commercial lands for future development.

Timber resources have been effectively moved as logs and barging of materials. Log dumps and other access has been historically critical and with the increase in building and demand for timber products (associated with a construction and a strong economy) we envision additional demand for these activities. Also having intermodal facilities from marine transport, railroad access and trucking offers numerous advantages and options to many business' in the area.

We are glad to the see these Locks operational and available for public, recreation, commercial and other purposes in the future.

Thank You,

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Guy Roberts Lumber Company
Lowell E. Patton (President)



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December 19, 2019

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Dear Co-Chairs Senator Johnson and Senator Steiner Hayward:

Wilsonville Concrete would once again urge the committee's support of HB 5024 funding the repairs to the Willamette River Locks at the requested \$14.4 Million Dollars. The locks are an important facility which provides strong economic advantages for barging material.

In 2019, Wilsonville Concrete transported over 3,000,000 million tons of aggregate using our marine fleet with tugboats (barges) and using our fleet of dump trucks and trailers to support our concrete company and CalPortland. The cost effectiveness of marine transported is clear and was highlighted to the Willamette Falls Locks Commission in the EcoNorthwest Economic Assessment. Marine transportation has an overall lower cost than trucking due to lower fuel and labor costs.

In November 2019, Wilsonville Concrete was contacted by local businesses wishing to move to the cost effective solution of barging. This has included Willamette Falls Paper (barging paper making materials) and an addition aggregate company to barge aggregate into the Portland Metropolitan area.

The Corp of Engineers is disposing of the Locks (e.g. eliminating them from federal ownership.) The state of Oregon has the opportunity to provide the continued public operations of the locks for another 150 years and into the future to benefit private businesses, public activities, resiliency planning, tourism, recreation and cultural/historic purposes. We urge the passage of HB 5024.

Thank You,

Joe Bernert
Vice President
Wilsonville Concrete Products





BY EMAIL

December 20, 2019

Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Co-Chairs Senator Johnson and Senator Steiner Hayward,
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon
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Re: Support for Willamette Falls Lock Repair Funding (\$14.4 Million as identified in the Budget Note in HB 5024)

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Johnson and Senator Steiner Hayward:

Lafarge would like to add its voice of support regarding the request from the Willamette Falls Locks Commission for \$14.4 m for the repair and future operations of the locks system.

Without question, the locks are an importance economic, cultural, and recreational facility to Oregon and the broader region.

Regarding the economic contribution of the Willamette Falls Locks, it is important to note that cement is a commodity that heavily relies on marine transport to move large bulky materials at a cost effective rate. Barging is an effective, economical, and environmental sound transportation method that reduces pollution, helps lower traffic congestion, and keeps overall construction material costs affordable.

We look forward to more marine-based opportunities in the future with the re-opening of the Willamette Falls Locks

If we can provide any further information to support the funding request, we would be pleased to provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Bush'.

James Bush
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