



April 18, 2019

Senator Fred Girod
Representative Paul Holvey
Co-Chairs of the Capital Construction Committee

Co-Chairs and Committee Members:

I want to thank the Committee for your valuable time and willingness to consider funding for the Port of Cascade Locks that will benefit the economy of my community. As Port Commission President I am very appreciative of the efforts of this committee and Governor Kate Brown for your consideration both for the Columbia River Gorge and the City of Cascade Locks. As you may know, the Governor has been very supportive of our efforts especially following the recent Eagle Creek Fire.

The Ports Government Relations Director, Mark Johnson will be present at your hearing and will be able to speak to both the need and the opportunity. This funding will lead to creation of over 100 new local jobs for our community that now has a 12% unemployment rate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jess Groves", is written over a horizontal line.

Jess Groves
Port Commission President