

WASCO COUNTY JOINT ENTERPRISE ZONE

April 26, 2019

Senator Cliff Bentz
900 Court St. NE, S-403
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2408-A, Legislation Mandating Prevailing Wage Requirements for
Enterprise Zone

Dear Senator Bentz,

The Dalles has substantially benefited from businesses that have located and/or expanded in our community through the support of Enterprise Zones. New breweries, 3D printers, food processors, hotels, and data centers have all come to The Dalles because of the Enterprise Zone. This has resulted in a more diverse and stable economic base.

HB 2408-A reduces the ability and effectiveness of Enterprise Zones to attract and support new businesses and business expansions throughout Oregon. This bill also opens for the door for future adjustments that would further reduce the intent of the Enterprise Zone.

Wasco County, the City of The Dalles, and the Port of The Dalles (the three sponsors within the geographic footprint of The Dalles) all encourage your opposition to this bill.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

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Wasco County Joint Enterprise Zone Co-Managers



Julie Krueger, City Manager
City of The Dalles

Tyler Stone, County Administrator
Wasco County



Andrea Klaas, Executive Director
Port of The Dalles