DAVID GOMBERG STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 10



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Lorna Davis, Port Manager

Port of Toledo

PO Box 428

Toledo, OR 97391

RE: Support for Port of Toledo's Extension of City Sewer

Dear Ms. Davis,

I am writing to express my support of the Port of Toledo's project to extend city sewer and service to its Shipyard and Industrial Park facilities. This project will provide the Port with the necessary infrastructure to support boatyard and industrial park operations.

Expansion of the shipyard, supported by the State of Oregon, has resulted in the shipyard becoming a major economic contributor to the region. The shipyard is the only haul-out facility on the Yaquina River and provides services critical to retaining the region's significant commercial fleet. The potential expansion of the Port's Industrial Park will attract new marine service businesses, support the growth of maritime service industry and allow expansion of the Welding Lab-a partnership program between the Oregon Coast Community College, Lincoln County School District, and the Port. The training program has capacity for 12 students per term, and currently has over 120 on the waiting list. The lack of city sewer connectivity is costly and inefficient, causing the Port to use holding tanks and portable toilets, and prohibits expansion at the Industrial Park.

Upgrading the City's infrastructure to meet the Port's needs will allow the Port to provide more efficient services at its Shipyard and industrial park and supports the Port's 5-year Strategic Business Plan overall goals of creating family wage jobs and encouraging small business growth.

I appreciate the Port of Toledo's efforts in expanding their Shipyard and facilities, which grows and supports our region's economy.

Sincerely,

David Gomberg

State Representative HD 10