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Madam Governor,

The members of the Oregon Legislative Coastal Caucus are keenly aware of the budget issues facing our state due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We know that there will be difficult decisions ahead as we shape the next biennial budget for Oregon. We look forward to working with you, our legislative colleagues and state agencies on how to move forward for Oregonians.

The Coastal Caucus is very concerned regarding the possible dismantling and dissolution of the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. This department is critically important to Oregon, especially to our respective coastal districts. We respectfully request that you prioritize maintaining DOGAMI as a stand-alone department within your office and we stand willing to assist you in our efforts to do so.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request and support for DOGAMI to remain intact and funded.

Sincerely,

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