




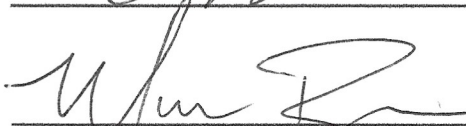
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To whom it may concern;

Regarding House Bill 2909 for it's Keeping Local Seafood Local campaign, we here at Port Orford Seafood Company DBA Port Orford Sustainable Seafood have multiple years of partnership with OCVA. They have been great to work with, and have provided us with the ability to develop a storefront and better serve the food desert that is, Port Orford. Through this collaboration our business has been able to provide the local population access to a fresh, value-added product. Prior to us moving forward with the storefront, all Port Orford seafood left on a truck and was not available to the general public. A community that is adjacent to such a rich ecosystem should have easy access to the nutrition it generates. We need the investment from HB2909 because it will help us maintain growth, increase the amount of hook and line caught seafood purchased from the fleet, and offer the health benefit of the last wild harvested protein.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

  
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