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**TO: Representative Bynum, Chair  
Oregon House Committee on Economic Development**

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**RE: Support of HB 2909**

I serve as an assistant professor of Food Science & Technology at Oregon State University (OSU) and a faculty member of OSU Seafood Research and Education Center. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2909.

Oregon Coast Visitors Association's (OCVA) plays an important role in supporting local seafood industry and pushing Oregon seafood system forward. The seafood sector in the region and the nation needs continued investment and innovation to be able to meet the demand of current challenges of food system.

My lab is currently conducting research on transforming seafood processing byproduct and recovering fish protein. This research aims to innovate seafood production chain to generate more revenue streams for the producers and vitalize the entire chain of seafood supply not only by reducing wasted resources but also by creating and expanding new markets with novel products. As the seafood sector is closely interconnected with other food supply chain, the research and innovation in the area can have wide-reaching benefits to other food processing sectors.

OCVA work to support local fisheries and seafood business is in alignment with my research program to support the seafood sector via resource management and improved sustainability. I believe passing the House bill 2909 will provide and expand important opportunities for Oregon seafood to thrive and improve regional economy and beyond.

Sincerely,

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