



July 22, 2010

The Honorable Christine Gregoire
Governor, Washington State
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Dear Governor Gregoire:

The ports of Camas-Washougal, Ridgefield and Vancouver represent thousands of direct industrial and commercial jobs, and are a significant contributor to the Clark County and regional economy. We also provide essential trade connections to the world, the nation and our region. In a recent three-port joint meeting, our collective commissions agreed to provide this letter outlining our support for the Columbia River Crossing Project (CRC).

Efficient transportation infrastructure is the foundation by which the businesses at our ports function and grow. Today, more than \$40 billion of regional freight passes through the CRC project area each year. By 2030, that number is estimated to be nearly \$72 billion. The CRC project is essential in our ability to efficiently move this amount of mobile assets through our region.

This project will greatly serve our ports, some of the strongest industrial and commercial job centers in our region. The CRC project not only benefits the I-5 corridor, but will provide capacity to I-205 and the state highway system throughout southwest Washington.


We thank you for your continued support of this project and urge you to direct the Department of Transportation to work with local jurisdictions to proceed as quickly as possible in moving the project forward. We would be pleased to be of further assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,

PORT OF CAMAS-WASHOUGAL

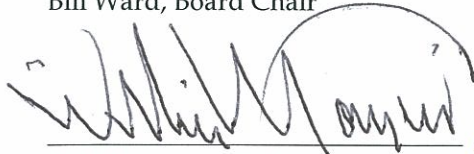
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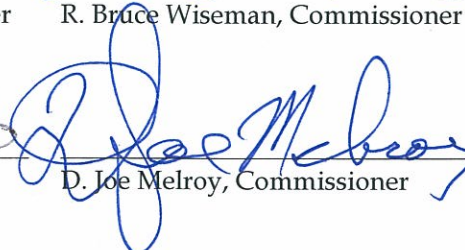

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