



Leagues of Women Voters of Coos County, Umpqua Valley, Rogue Valley, and Klamath County

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Dear Governor Brown and Ms. Rosenblum:

We, the four undersigned local Leagues of Women Voters (LWV), are celebrating yet another regulatory decision in favor of Oregon against threats to our state posed by the proposed Jordan Cove Energy Project (JCEP). The Secretary of Commerce has upheld the state's objection to Coastal Zone Management Act certification. We write today to once again express our thanks, as well as congratulations, to you and the talented and committed staff within key Oregon agencies and the Department of Justice for their excellent work to defend the state and the four areas of southern Oregon our memberships represent against short and long-term harm the project would bring. The fact that much of the more recent work was accomplished in the midst of a pandemic warrants additional kudos.

We have been in contact with you over the years during our opposition to this project on the basis of League positions on protecting natural resources, public health and safety, and mitigating climate change. Most recently, in July 2020 we sent our thanks, including for consistently supporting your agencies in their rigorous evaluation of various state and federal permitting processes. At that time, the State's Request for Rehearing and subsequent appeal to the DC Circuit Court of Appeals of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Orders authorizing the project, the Brief to the Secretary of Commerce in response to JCEP's petition to override Oregon's CZMA Consistency Certification objection, and the Department of Environmental Quality's Protest and Answer to JCEP's Declaratory Order claiming waiver of 401 Clean Water Act certification authority had all been submitted. Several of the affected Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and landowners had submitted their information in appropriate efforts, as well.

Now, although JCEP's owner Pembina is still hoping for an outcome in their favor from the DC Circuit and have not otherwise withdrawn, their efforts to enlist federal help against Oregon's decisions have failed. We see reason for optimism that, with the State's denial of the Section 401 Water Quality and Coastal Zone Management Act certifications intact and a federal Administration that understands the

critical struggle before us all to protect our natural resources and environment from continued fossil fuel development and dependency, we have a chance to fight the current climate emergency. And just yesterday, Governor, you asked FERC Chairman Glick to extend to Tribes the right to being signatories of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, not just concurring parties. We applaud your commitment to environmental justice and to giving all due respect to solemn government-to-government relationships that have been so inappropriately overlooked in this process so far.

Again, please accept our thanks to both of you for your commitment to protect Oregon and its environment and resources, Tribal rights, and communities threatened with environmental injustice and congratulations to the many state employees for their great work.

Sincerely,



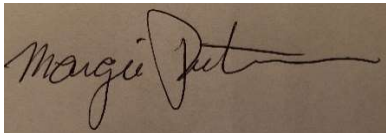
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