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Dear Senate Rules Committee:

Tomorrow, March 6, 2013, your committee is scheduled to have a hearing to confirm appointments made by the Governor on various committees and boards across Oregon. ( [http://www.oregon.gov/gov/docs/SenateHearingReport\\_March2013.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/gov/docs/SenateHearingReport_March2013.pdf) ) I would like to express my objection to two of those appointments - Eric Farm and Donna Opitz to the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay Commission. There are many reasons for this objection which I will try to summarize below:

**\* Neither Farm nor Opitz have any background in port Industries, maritime law, maritime experience or port activities in general.**

**\* Both Farm and Opitz come from the same entrenched group and mindset as those individuals that are already on the Port Commission. They will bring no diversity of opinion to the Commission and do not represent a vast majority of the tax payers in the Port District.**

**\* The appointment of Farm and Opitz will mean that there will be no one on the Port Commission that has a good understanding of marine biology, natural resources and the vast biodiversity that is found in the Port District, along with all the jobs that come from those industries.**

**\* The Governor should not have made this decision without consulting with and considering the wises of all the citizens in the Port District first. Citizens in the Port District should have been allowed to vote and decide for themselves who they want to represent them, particularly since they will have to live with the decisions these appointed Commissioners make.**

**\* Both Farm and Opitz have already shown in other public arenas that they do not research topic matters before making decisions on them.**

Since there are so many complex and critical issues that are currently facing our Port District, it is imperative that all the citizens who live in the Port District have their voices heard. Please reject these particular appointments and give us the right to vote on these Port Commission Board positions.

Sincerely,

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