

May 9, 2013

The Honorable Paul Holvey
Oregon State Capitol Building
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Senate Bill 814

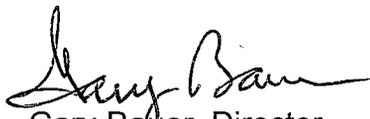
Dear Rep. Holvey, Members of the Committee:

NW Natural is the state's largest natural gas utility, serving approximately 670,000 customers in Oregon and Southern Washington. Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for SB 814.

NW Natural and its predecessor companies have served Oregon customers for over 150 years. As an Oregon based company we are committed to environmental stewardship and have experience with environmental cleanups. SB 814 will help promote environmental cleanups by providing more certainty around environmental insurance claims. This bill will benefit not only the cleanup of the Portland Harbor, but other cleanups that are not designated as a superfund site.

SB 814 is good for businesses and good for the environment. This measure will help ensure resolution to environmental cleanups by establishing a reasonable timeline for handling of claims and promoting settlements. We encourage the committee's support of SB 814.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Bauer". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Gary Bauer, Director
Government and Community Affairs
NW Natural