

Representative Gomberg and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

Our city of Depoe Bay is in need of funds to replace aging pilings and docks in our harbor. We are requesting funds be directed to our City for these needed repairs. This is more than just a beautification effort, it is a safety issue for both residents and tourists to our harbor. Our City does not have the funds available to do this on our own so when Oregon gets its two-billion dollar share of the money from President Biden's Infrastructure Plan, please consider Depoe Bay's harbor a worthy and necessary place to receive some of these funds. Depoe Bay was named the most beautiful harbor in the United States last year and we are very proud of this accomplishment. It would be helpful to our community to be considered safe too. We have seen a surge in travel since the COVID-19 pandemic and this year we will see even more visitors. Depoe Bay's harbor is a major tourist attraction and home to charter boat companies and whale watching cruises all of which provide needed jobs for our City's coastal economy. Please help our City keep our harbor not only beautiful but safe for all, tourists and residents alike.

Thank you,

Michele Riley, resident, Depoe Bay