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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3382

Dear Members of the House Committee on Rules

HB 3382, the Port Exemption Bill, would fast-track port development for the sake of profit without protections for the essential cultural and ecological resources essential to Oregon's coastal ecosystems and economies. It would set a dangerous precedent in allowing corporate interests to bypass local land use laws. Estuaries like the Coos Bay Estuary play a vital role in reducing climate change, sequestering carbon ten times more efficiently than forests. Oregon cannot afford to lose this kind of natural climate solution that is essential in meeting our climate mitigation goals.

I urge you to kill this bill and not advance it for a floor vote.

Sincerely,

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