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Local 8

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Senator Chris Gorsek  
Representative Susan McLain  
Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, Oregon 97031

Senator Gorsek, Representative McLain, and the Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

The International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 8 is writing to urge you to pass House Bill 3050, and show you support Oregon ports and the working families that rely on them.

Oregon is among the most trade-dependent states in the country, and Terminal 6 is Oregon's only international container terminal. Businesses from every corner of the state rely on it to cost effectively move their goods to and from global markets. Our members are part of the 1,500 jobs tied to container service at Terminal 6. Others include river pilots, steamship agents, truckers, and distribution workers – each job representing a family that needs it.

Critical to the long-term success of container service at Terminal 6 is funding for capital needs. House Bill 3050 establishes the Port Capital Improvement Fund, which would provide infrastructure funding for Oregon ports that move containers.

Public funding for container service is the norm in other states. Other West Coast container ports receive significant state and local support for their capital programs – funds which are used to leverage additional federal investment and maintain these essential services.

Once established, this program will help maintain a major engine of our state's economy and support quality jobs throughout the transportation network. We urge your full support.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE &  
WAREHOUSE UNION, LOCAL 8



Troy Mosteller  
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