

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

My name is Brittney McCartney, and I am a single mother of two children living in Port Orford. I currently work as a house cleaner and hold several part-time jobs to support my family. While I am grateful for the work I have, the reality is that making ends meet is often a struggle. I am testifying today to express my support for Senate Bill 1047, and to share how this bill could greatly benefit my family and the broader Port Orford community.

As a single mom, I strive every day to provide my children with stability and a sense of security. Our town of Port Orford holds so much promise, and I have dreams of seeing my children grow up here—surrounded by the beauty of the Oregon coast and within a supportive community. However, like many others in small towns, we are faced with limited economic opportunities. The local economy is struggling, and jobs that pay a livable wage can be few and far between.

A golf course, though it may seem like a luxury to some, could be a key driver of economic development in our region. Not only would it provide jobs for people like me—offering stable, year-round employment—but it would also attract tourists, boost local businesses, and create new opportunities for young people in our community. These are exactly the kinds of improvements that would make a lasting impact on my family's future.

When Senate Bill 1047 passes, it will offer direct opportunities in several areas:

1. **Stable Employment:** A golf course would create jobs in both the course's maintenance and operation, which could offer better wages and benefits than many of the part-time jobs I currently rely on. With consistent employment, I would be able to better provide for my children, invest in their future, and have a more predictable income.
2. **Supporting Local Businesses:** As a resident and a worker, I am deeply aware of the challenges faced by local businesses. Tourism is a major part of Port Orford's economy, and a golf course could attract visitors who would also support local restaurants, stores, and service providers. This would allow more businesses to thrive, creating a ripple effect of prosperity across the town.
3. **Long-Term Stability for My Family:** One of the reasons I work multiple jobs is to ensure that my children have opportunities and can grow up in a safe, nurturing environment. A golf course would bring long-term economic stability to the area, giving me confidence that my children can stay here, surrounded by their friends, and continue to grow in a community that offers more than just seasonal work.

4. **Youth Employment and Skill-Building:** The golf course could also provide valuable training and employment for local young people, giving them a path to a sustainable future right here in Port Orford. This would help prevent young people from feeling the need to leave for bigger cities in search of work.

As someone who has dreams of staying in Port Orford and seeing my children grow up here, I strongly believe that this golf course is an investment not just in tourism, but in the very fabric of our community. The economic benefits would be felt across all sectors, and it could bring about a new chapter for our town—one filled with opportunity, growth, and stability.

I urge you to consider the positive impact that the development of a golf course could have on single parents like myself, families, and the broader Port Orford community. It is an opportunity for lasting economic growth that could change the future of this town for the better.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Brittney McCartney  
Port Orford, Oregon

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