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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3814

Public comment in opposition to Bill 3814

Dear Oregon Legislators,

As a surfer, educator and lifelong water lover I am strongly opposed to this bill. I lived and worked in coastal communities in several states along the east coast before moving to Oregon. The water quality and conditions here are the best I have ever seen. I never worry about getting sick when I'm surfing or kayaking here, which is a constant concern in many other areas.

I love seafood, and enjoy living in a working waterfront community. I also enjoy crabbing and clamming myself, in areas very near to our seafood processing centers. Last season recreational clamming was closed for months in our area due to bacteria and I am certain events like that will only become more common with exceptions like this law is proposing.

Please do not pass this legislation and consider other ways to lighten the pressure on the seafood industry.

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