



The Honorable Ron Wyden, United States Senator  
The Honorable Jeff Merkley, United States Senator  
The Honorable Earl Blumenauer, United States Representative  
The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici, United States Representative  
The Honorable Peter DeFazio, United States Representative  
The Honorable Kurt Schrader, United States Representative  
The Honorable Greg Walden, United States Representative

February 12, 2015

Dear Oregon Congressional Delegation:

Your Oregon constituent family farms, businesses and allied groups urgently express our grave concerns with the ongoing West Coast port labor dispute. The impacts of the slowdown of terminal activity at the Port of Portland and other West Coast container ports are severe. It is having a devastating impact on our livelihoods and the rural communities we support.

It is important that you recognize that there is nothing that we produce in Oregon in agriculture and forest products that cannot be sourced from somewhere else. We can grow and process the best in the world, but if we cannot deliver our Oregon products affordably and dependably, the foreign customers will go somewhere else and may never return.

After nine months of negotiations, both sides have reached an impasse, despite the involvement of a federal mediator. The continuous uncertainty, crippling congestion, ships skipping calls, random walk-outs and lock-outs have forced us to lay off Oregonians, absorb huge financial losses, and prevented us from being able to export this year's crop. In fact, the uncertainty is already causing foreign customers to cancel orders for future deliveries!

Here in Oregon, we are dependent on the foreign markets for so much of what we grow and manufacture. We take full advantage of trade agreements negotiated over the past two decades which have provided opportunities to new markets; but that has now come to a halt.

Our agriculture and forest products exports and imports have been extremely beneficial to our marine terminals and to the thousands of workers engaged in logistics and transport throughout the Pacific Northwest. We are now losing that cargo and those jobs.

The situation has become much more dire this week as Hanjin, the ocean carrier providing over 80% of the container service into the Columbia River, has determined that it will suspend service. This creates tremendous new burdens on all Oregon agriculture and forest products explorers who must now transport all the way up to Puget Sound ports, at considerable cost and delay.

Since the expiration of their contract last June, we have urged the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) and the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) to consider the devastating impact this dispute is having on Oregon jobs and Oregon's future as a supplier to the world. We have also urged the President to help resolve this contract negotiation. We desperately need your help to publically stress the importance of efficient and functioning ports and to get the parties to restore port productivity. Oregon's future as a supplier of food and fiber to the world depends on it!

Following are 359 Oregon constituents seeking your leadership.

Adelman Peony Gardens, LLC

Marion

Advanced Marketing Group, LLC	Marion
Ag Fiber Association	
Agri-Business Council of Oregon	
Agricultural Drainage Corp.	Lane
Agriculture Transportation Coalition	
AKT, LLP	Marion
Albany Area Chamber of Commerce	Linn and Benton Counties
Albany Lock & Key Service	Linn
Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corp	Linn
Allen Cooley Hay	Linn
Allied Potato Northwest, Inc.	
Allied Potato, Inc.	
Allports Forwarding, Inc.	Multnomah
Allports Incorporated	Multnomah
Alpha Nursery	Marion
Alpine View LLC	Hood River
AMPAC Seed, INC.	Linn
Anne Rigor	Benton
Aperion Industries, LLC	Deschutes
Arcuri Stables	Lane
Aromatics, Inc.	Marion
Arrowhead Ornamentals	Marion and Clackamas
Associated Oregon Industries	
Attachment Service Centers	Deschutes
Axis Electric Inc.	Linn
B & G Ditchen, LLC	Marion
B&R Auto Wrecking	Benton
Baker Packing Company	Malheur
Bamboo Depot	
Barenbrug USA, Inc.	Linn
Barnel International	Washington
Bashaw Land & Seed	Linn
Beaverton Chamber of Commerce	
Beaverton Foods	Washington
Blue Lace Farms, LLC	Linn
Blue Line Farms Inc.	Marion
Boise Cascade	Jackson
Boshart Trucking	Linn
BOSSCO Trading LLC	Linn
Botsford & Goodfellow	Clackamas
Bounds Hay Co.	Linn

Branch Baling, LLC	Polk
Brass Ring LLC	Linn, Marion, Lane, Deschutes, Multnomah
Brattain International Trucks	Linn
Bret Schmid Trucking Inc.	
Brooks Farm LLC	Union
Browne Family Farm	Linn
Bryan Webber Exporting, Inc.	Linn
Bryan Webber Farms, Inc.	Polk
Burlingham Seeds, L.L.C.	
Bushman Organic Farms	Clackamas
Bushue Family Farm	Linn
Cala Farms, Inc.	Linn
Carolyn Oakley LLC	Multnomah
Cascade Shippers Association	Jefferson
Central Oregon Seeds, Inc	Clackamas
Certified Nuts LLC	
Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce	Benton
Chintimini Land, Inc.	Yamhill
Christensen Farms, LLC	
CHS, Inc.	Marion
CK Farms, LLC.	Linn
Coastal Farm & Ranch	Marion, Yamhill, and Polk
Coleman Ag	Marion and Yamhill
Coleman Farms	Multnomah
Coleman Haggin Brokerage	Marion and Jefferson
Coleman Ranch	Marion, Yamhill, and Polk
Coleman Seed & Hay	Wasco
Columbia Cherry Company	Hood River
Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers	
Columbia River Customs Broker & Freight Forwarder Association	
Columbia Seeds LLC	Benton
Cook Family Farms, Inc.	Linn
CORM Inc. DBA Filter Care Sales and Service	Linn
Corvallis Feed and Seed Inc.	Linn
CRLP, LLC	Benton
D&S Hydraulics	Deschutes

Daniel Chin Farms/ Wong Potatoes, Inc.	
David C. Malpass Warehouse, Inc.	Lane and Linn
Davis Glass Inc.	Linn
Dean Freeborn Farms	Polk
Dickman Farms, Inc.	Marion and Clackamas
DLF International Seeds	Linn
DN Farms LLC	Marion
Doerfler Farms Inc.	Marion
Doerfler Tractor Sales Co	Marion
Double Bar V Ranch	Josephine
Double River Forwarding LLC	Multnomah
Dry Hollow Family, LLC	Wasco
Dustin Wilfong Farms	Polk
Duyck Family Farms	Washington
Eagle Butte Farms	Marion
Eder Bros. Inc.	Marion
Elam Farms, Inc	Marion
Eric Kirsch Enterprises Inc.	Marion
Ernest Glaser Farms	Linn
Eshraghi Nursery	Washington
Etzel Hill Farms	Marion
Evans Farms	Clackamas
Fairfield Farms	Marion
Farmland Tractor Supply	Linn
Fisher Farms	Washington
Flowerree Hay & Grain	Lake
Fort Vannoy Farms, Inc.	Josephine
Foulke Family Farm, Inc.	Polk
French Prairie Gardens & Family Farm	Marion
Froerer Farms, Inc	Malheur
Frost Transportation Northwest, Inc.	
Fruithill, Inc.	Yamhill
Full Ahead Transport	Linn
Gadotti Farming	Columbia
George Van Dyke Trucking Inc.	Linn
GH Farms Inc.	Marion
Gilmour Pacific Trading LLC	Linn
Glaser Ridge Farms	Linn
Global Trading Resources	Multnomah
GM Meyer Farms, LLC	Marion
Gold Dust Potato Processors, Inc.	Klamath
Golden Valley Farms	Marion

Golden West Produce, LLC	Malheur
GR8 Views, Inc	Marion
Grassland Oregon	Marion
Gray Farms Inc.	Linn
Green Ridge Tree Farm	Wasco
Gustafson Insurance Agency	Clackamas
Gylan Mulkey Farms Inc.	Polk
Hadley Farms	Marion
Hank Cheyne	Klamath
Hans Nelson & Sons	Multnomah
Hassinger Farms	Union
Helena Chemical	Jefferson
Hermiston Veterinary Clinic	Umatilla
High Caliber Transloading and Storage LLC	Marion
Hoffman Farms	Washington
Humble Solutions	Lane
Idaho-Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association	Malheur
IMC Intermarket Company	Umatilla
International Express	Klamath
International Seed Service Inc	Marion
Ioka Farms, Inc	Marion
Ioka Marketing, LLC	Marion
Iverson Family Farms, Inc.	Clackamas
J & K Pohlschneider Inc	Marion
J & S Grass Seed Farm Inc.	Linn
J Gilmour Farm LLC	Linn
J&W Walker Farms, Inc.	Klamath
Jacklin Seed	Linn
Jesse Bounds Trucking LLC	Lane
Jim Buckovic	Polk
Jo McIntyre	Yamhill
Joyce Farms	Washington
JRW Farms Inc.	Linn
JZ Trucking LLC	Marion
Kenagy Family Farm Inc.	Benton
Kennel Farms	Polk
Keudell Farms Inc.	Marion
Kirsch Family Farms, Inc.	Marion
Kittredge Ranch II	Lake
Kiyokawa Orchards Inc.	Hood River
Klamath County Chamber of Commerce	Klamath
KLH Zweifel Custom Farming	Tillamook
Koch Farms, Inc.	Clackamas

Koontz, Perdue, Blasquez & Co., PC	Linn
Kovash Farm	Polk
Kuenzi & Company	Marion
L3 Farms Inc.	Linn
Lake Creek Farms Enterprises Inc.	Linn
Lakeside Ag-Ventures, LLC	Marion
Landmark Turf and Native Seed	Linn
Laraway & Sons Inc.	Hood River
Les Schwab Tires	Linn
Lewis Seed Co.	Linn
Lindsey Forwarders, Inc.	Multnomah
Linn Benton Tractor	Linn
Linn County Farm Bureau	Linn
Liskey Farms, Inc.	Klamath
Livingston Ranch	Grant
Lower Columbia Tree Farm, LLC	Columbia
M.D. Acres	Jefferson
MacDonald Industrial	Linn
Madras Chamber of Commerce	
Majestic Oak Farms, Inc.	Polk
Malheur County Onion Growers Association	Malheur
Malpass Farms, LLC	Lane and Linn
Mari-Linn Farms, Inc.	Marion and Linn
Marion County Farm Bureau	Marion
Marion County Farm Bureau	Marion
Martinvest	Linn
Mastercraft Furniture Inc.	Marion
McLain Electric Inc.	Linn
Merry Go Round LLC	
Michael W. Graine, Consulting	Marion
Mid-Valley Livestock	Linn
Milann Farms	Deschutes
Miller Business Solutions, Inc.	Polk
MillerBuilt, Inc.	Polk
Molesworth Family LLC	Wasco
Monrovia	Yamhill
Morgan Orchards	Wasco
Mountain View Seeds	Marion
Murakami Produce, Inc.	Malheur
National Onion Association	
Neal Acquisition, LLC	Lane
Newdoor Realty, LLC	Yamhill

NH-Hay, Inc.	Linn
Nixon Farms, Inc.	Lane and Benton Polk, Yamhill, Marion
Noble Mountain Tree Farm	Marion
NORPAC Foods, Inc.	Marion
North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce	
Northwest Farm Credit Services	
Northwest Onion Co.	Marion
Northwest Food Processors Association	
Oak Park Farms, Inc.	Linn
Obersinner Farms, Inc.	Mation
OR/PAC Export, Inc.	Lane
OR/PAC Feed & Forage, Ltd.	Lane
OrCa Seed Production, Inc.	Deschutes
Orchard View Farms, Inc.	Wasco
Oregon Association of Nurseries	
Oregon Berry Packing, Inc.	Washington
Oregon Blueberry Commission	Multnomah
Oregon Cattlemen's Association	
Oregon Cherry Growers Inc.	
Oregon Clover Commission	Linn
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association	Marion
Oregon Department of Agriculture	
Oregon Essential Oil Growers League	Marion
Oregon Export Straw Association	
Oregon Family Century Farm	Linn
Oregon Farm Bureau	
Oregon Fine Fescue Commission	Marion
Oregon Freeze Dry	Linn
Oregon Hay Products	Morrow
Oregon Mint Commission	Jefferson
Oregon Potato Commission	
Oregon Ryegrass Commission	Linn
Oregon Seed Association	
Oregon Seed Council	
Oregon Seed League	Lane
Oregon State Chamber of Commerce	
Oregon Tall Fescue Commission	Linn
Oregon Trucking Association	
Oregon Wheat Growers	
Oregon Wholesale Seed	
Oregon Women for Agriculture	

Oregonians for Food & Shelter	
OreGro Seeds, Inc.	Linn
Otley Land and Cattle, LLC	Harney
Pacific Ag Resources, LLC	Marion
Pacific Northwest Asia Shippers Association	
Pacific Rim Exports LLC	Marion
Pacific Seed Production USA	Lane
Pape	
Paragon Communications	Linn
Parker Farms LLC.	Linn
Pathfinder Dray and Dedicated Services LLC	Multnomah
Paulson Commodities, LTD	Clackamas
Pearmine Farms, Inc.	Marion
Peoria Road Farm Market	Linn
PFS Financial, Inc.	Benton
Phelan Enterprises	Linn
Pickseed USA	Linn
PMC Real Estate	Lane
Polk County Farm Bureau	Polk
Postlewait Farms	Clackamas
PressCo LLC	Marion
Professional Security Alarm Company	Linn
Pugh Seed Farm Inc	Linn
Quality Trading Co., LLC	Marion
Renken Orchards	Wasco
Riddell Farms, Inc.	Polk
RJMJ Enterprises, Inc.	Multnomah
Rohde Enterprises	Polk
Root Orchards	Wasco
Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce	Douglas
Ross-Brandt Electric	Umatilla
Roy Schweitzer Trucking, Inc.	Linn
Ruddenklau Farms LLC	Yamhill
Ruddenklau Farms Trucking LLC	Yamhill
Ryegrass Commission	Linn
Saddle Butte Ag Inc	Linn
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce	
Salem-Keizer Volcanoes Professional Baseball Team	Marion
Sand Ridge Farms	Linn
Scharf Farms Inc.	Yamhill
Seaside Chamber of Commerce	
Security Alarm Corporation	Linn
Seed Research of Oregon	Linn



Service Systems of America	Multnomah
Sherman County Orchard Co LLC	Sherman
Sherwood Orchards	Washington
Sierra Pine.	Jackson
SJB Farms	Linn
Smith Seed Services	Linn
Snake River Produce Co. LLC.	Malheur
Sovereign Fruit LLC	Wasco
Sprague Pest Solutions	Lane
St. Christopher's Nursery	Marion
Stahlbush Island Farms, Inc.	Linn
Standage Farms	Malheur
Starr Farm	Washington
State Representative Andy Olsen; House District 15	
Steele Meat Co.	Polk
Steffen Hay Inc.	Marion
Stockfleth Farms Inc.	Marion
Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR)	
Sunny D MFG	Klamath
Sunrise Trading Inc	Polk
Sunrise Trucking Inc	Polk
T&P Farms, LLC	Marion
Tec Laboratories	Linn
Tee-2-Green Corp	Marion
The Dalles Fruit Company, LLC	The Dalles
The Douglass Company	Lake
Thirty-One Consultant	Linn
Tillamook Chamber of Commerce	
Thomas Orchards	Grant
Three Oaks Farm	Yamhill
Threemile Canyon Farms, LLC	Morrow
TI Ranch	Harney
TLR – Total Logistics Resource, Inc.	Multnomah
Trask Farms	Linn
Triangle Farms, Inc.	
TricorBraun WinePak	
Tualitin Chamber of Commerce	
Tualatin Valley Blueberry	Washington
Tualatin Valley Straw Products	Washington
Turf Merchants, Inc.	Linn
United Way of Linn County	Linn
US Apple Association	
US Forage Export Council	

Usher's Tree Farm	Clackamas
Valley Fire Control, Inc.	Linn
Valley Hop Farms	Marion
Van Dyke's Signmakers	Linn
Vanasche Farm	Washington
VanLeeuwen WHSE LLC	Linn
Venell Farms, Inc.	Benton
Venell Pellets, Inc.	Benton
Verna Jean Nursery	Multnomah
Vikima USA	Linn
Vista Seed Partners, LLC	Linn
Vista View Farms, LLC	Linn
Wahl Family Meats	Linn
Walker Brothers	Klamath
WashTeck Fleet and Property Washing LLC	Linn
Weaver Seed of Oregon	Linn
West Coast Beet Seed Company	Marion
Whitehead Farms	Linn
Wilco Petroleum Department	Marion
Willamette Valley Specialty Seed Association	
Wilsonia Farms LLC	Tillamook
Wilsonville Area Chamber of Commerce	
Wood Castle Manufacturing	Linn
Woodburn Nursery & Azaleas	Marion County
Yamhill County Farm Bureau	Yamhill
Yorke Benefit Services	Marion
Zuelzer USA Seeds LLC	