

29 January 2009

Representative Earl Blumenauer
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Columbia Slough 1135 Project

Dear Representative Blumenauer,

The Columbia Slough runs through the largest economic corridor in Oregon, home to 2,500 businesses employing 60,000 individuals. The Columbia Corridor Association (CCA) works to protect the economic health of this critical area

The Columbia Slough 1135 Project has replaced four of five culverts with bridges. The last obstacle for a completed project is the culvert at NE 33rd Ave., over the southern arm of the slough. Once completed, the project will restore 18 acres of wetland habitat and seven miles of emergent wetlands along the Columbia Slough. It will improve water flow in this low-lying basin, making flood management more reliable and protecting infrastructure in this industrial area.

The City of Portland and the Army Corps of Engineers have worked together in the past seven years to complete this project. Please support the City's request for funds which will allow the final piece to be constructed.

Sincerely,

Corky Collier
Executive Director