

**COLUMBIA CORRIDOR**  
A S S O C I A T I O N

Bill Wyatt  
Executive Director  
Port of Portland  
121 NW Everett  
Portland, OR 97212

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Dear Mr. Wyatt:

The Columbia Corridor Association (CCA) works to improve prosperity in the Columbia Corridor, a gateway for international shipping, air freight, intercontinental trucking and rail. We have been a strong supporter of the ConnectOregon programs. CCA encourages support for the Port of Portland's (Port) ConnectOregon III funding requests to improve intermodal transportation options in the Corridor.

The projects the Port is proposing will not only improve intermodal transportation for the Columbia Corridor, but will significantly benefit every corner of the state. Grain exports, auto imports, air cargo and heavy manufacturing products for the entire state move through the Columbia Corridor and the Port's terminals. Increased efficiencies at the Port will translate to better economies in Roseburg and Pendleton.

Each of these projects improves the intermodal capacity in the Columbia Corridor, the largest economic corridor in Oregon. We believe they will make the Columbia Corridor a better place for international trade and improve employment prospects in Oregon.

Sincerely,



Corky Collier  
Executive Director

cc: Kathryn Williams, Port of Portland