

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

June 26, 2012

The Honorable William Craig Fugate
Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 C Street
Washington, D.C. 20472

RE: Disaster No.: 1733-DR-OR
Second Appeal – Port of Tillamook Bay (POTB)
PW No.: Alternate Project #13 to Project Worksheet (PW) 936V1

Dear Administrator Fugate:

We write today in support of the appeal for the Port of Tillamook Bay's Alternate Project #13 to Project Worksheet (PW) 936V1. The appeal has been diligently reviewed and revised by the Port of Tillamook Bay, Oregon Emergency Management (OEM), and an outside consultant. All entities have concluded that the above mentioned project is cost effective and meets FEMA guidelines.

The singular issue remaining on appeal is whether or not the alternative project is cost effective. It is our understanding that the Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) for the project was conducted in full accordance with FEMA policies and guidance and meets the requirements of the Public and Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs. FEMA published guidance for the Benefit-Cost Analysis Reengineering and Hazards US models were reportedly adhered to by the applicant, and validated by OEM. In conducting the BCA, the Port of Tillamook Bay utilized default values provided by FEMA, and on more than one occasion chose to utilize more conservative, locally derived values. The benefit-cost analysis as presented by the applicant appears to be defensible using analysis procedures prescribed by FEMA.

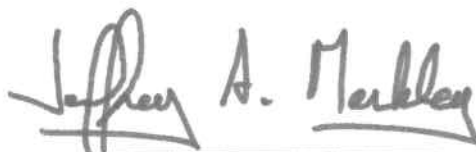
In addition, we request that this case receive an expedited appeal. State bonds have been issued as matching funds for this project and may become subject to arbitration if this appeal is not resolved in a timely manner.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator



Jeff Merkley
United States Senator



Kurt Schrader
Member of Congress