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Sen. Ron Wyden
Sen. Jeff Merkley
Rep. Kurt Schrader
c/o Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

RE: EFFORTS TO SAVE COAST GUARD AIR FACILITY IN NEWPORT, OREGON

Dear Sens. Wyden, Merkley and Rep. Schrader,

The Port of Newport would like to extend our deepest gratitude to you, your congressional colleagues and outstanding staff in adding language to the Coast Guard Reauthorization Bill that prohibits the closure of the USCG Air Facility Newport, Ore.

We know how seriously you took this issue and appreciate all your efforts to keep the Air Facility open through the end of December 2015. The support and advocacy by our community including the efforts of the Newport Fishermen's Wives, City of Newport, Lincoln County and others shows just how critical the Air Facility is to the commercial fishing fleet and other marine users along the Oregon coast.

The Port of Newport looks forward to working with you and our local groups and agencies to determine a more long-term strategy for keeping the Air Facility open permanently here in Newport, Ore.

Again, thank you for all your hard work.

Sincerely,

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Walter Chuck
President

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