



June 24, 2013

Senator Ron Wyden

Dear Senator Wyden,

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to improve the management of our federal forestlands. The Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA) applauds you for taking action on this issue which is critically important to our county and state. The CCBA supports a forest management balance that includes identifying adequate lands for responsible forest management and logging.

The CCBA is an organization of Clackamas County businesses that works to promote healthy economic growth throughout the county by advocating for public and private policy decisions that promote job creation. Our membership spans over nine sectors and represents over 15,000 employees in Clackamas County.

As you know, Clackamas County has considerable urban and rural populations spread across a diverse landscape of more than 1.2 million acres. About 52% of this land is federally owned and managed by the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, with roughly 75,000 acres designated as O&C lands.

We must find a balance that takes into account the economic, social and environmental values of our forest while focusing on environmental protection and timber production. The Senate O&C legislative framework appears consistent with this balance. The CCBA has wholeheartedly supported the O&C Trust, Conservation and Jobs Act that was developed by Congressmen DeFazio, Schrader and Walden. We hope that the work in the Senate will be consistent with the work in the House.

Please contact me if you have any questions and thanks again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Parker  
Executive Director

Cc: Congressman Schrader  
Congressman DeFazio  
Congressman Walden  
Senator Merkley