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Dear Mr. President:

Our delegation has heard many stories of hardship occasioned by the difficulties at Oregon’s ports affecting both workers and businesses large and small. These challenges have, furthermore, already resulted in the partial shutdown of operations at 29 ports on the West Coast.

As the impasse continues, damage continues to mount.

We support your efforts to mediate the dispute and we urge all parties to reach a swift resolution. Should this dispute continue much longer, we respectfully request that you use the emergency dispute-settling procedures granted to you by Congress.

Our constituents, Oregon’s economy, and the many businesses that have been hurt in this struggle, urgently need a resolution that it appears only the federal government can provide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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