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Representative David Taylor
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Dear Members of the Southwest Washington Legislative Delegation:

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the Columbia River Crossing project and on behalf of the more than 1,000 member businesses, representing more than 40,000 Southwest Washington citizens, we urge you to do everything within your ability to ensure that this project continues to move forward.

For the third consecutive year, our membership has ranked the CRC project as their highest priority, this year combining that ranking with the jobs creation that will occur directly as a result of this project.

The correction of this major bottleneck in the Interstate 5 trade corridor will not only enhance lifestyles regionally through shorter commute times and safer transportation possibilities for the commuters, tourists, shoppers, freight transporters and students but will also improve access to the various industrial lands and our regional ports.

The benefits of finally doing the right thing and constructing this new, safer crossing will be far reaching. As a business community we are solidly behind this project. If there is any question about our determination to see this project through, let me be perfectly clear that we believe this to be the single highest priority both in terms of financial return on investment and jobs creation. International, national, regional and locally owned businesses will all benefit from this investment in our future.

On behalf of the current and future business community in Southwest Washington I want to thank you in advance for your unwavering support of this critical project.

Sincerely,

Kim J. Capeloto
President & CEO