

Mayor Benetti,  
City Councilors of Coos Bay – Planning Commission,  
Lane Council of Governments, et al  
500 Central Ave, Coos Bay, OR 97420

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To those above and all others involved, but not specifically named,

Please take this letter as a request that you as a representative government body listen to the wills of your constituents. We *do not* want Pembina Corp/ Jordan Cove Energy Project, in our area. We are opposed to the Jordan Cove project on so many levels and have been for so many years – it's actually quite difficult to comprehend that we are still having to fight this.

Our (as well as the thousands of other people impacted) water, our land, our livelihoods, our sustenance – is at risk. And for what? Some low-skill jobs for a few people and a nasty work camp?

We have continued to protest this joke of project – if you as council members recommend a change to the CBEMP – you are essentially condoning the idea and use of eminent domain by a foreign corporation for profit. In my opinion – that's despicable.

Coos Bay (and you as Councilors) have a unique burden (and opportunity) to put this mess of a project to rest. This is the end of the line – the buck stops here. If we don't allow this polluting monstrosity in our bay, (consequently, the location that many of us feed our families from) then maybe Pembina and Jordan Cove will stop harassing all the other landowners in their path of destruction.

I ask that you stand up for what is right – protecting our people, our habitat, our water, and our values (not to mention our economy or our precedence of not allowing foreign companies to dictate our decisions) by denying changes to the CBEMP. I would also hope that you not grant an Exception to Statewide Planning Goal 16 Estuarine Resources – there is absolutely no rational reason as to how this would ever positively affect the public.

Thankfully, Oregon DEQ already decreed that JCEP's plan to "keep our water clean" was not sufficient. As a resident who relies on rivers, streams, underground aquifers and our bay for survival, I am relieved that they took into account common sense for this decision. Your council should do the same.

We, the residents of Coos County, and many others around the state do not want this conglomeration on our coast. It's irresponsible, unwanted and unnecessary. Exporting LNG is not going to "save Coos County" – that's irrational. I'll give one example of the backward logic: Many residents complain about our shortage of doctors at the clinics due to our lack of "city-like" amenities – how many professionals can you see flocking to our area when a huge, nasty terminal is located within a mile of our healthcare facilities? We need to look at other options; tourism, renewable resources, support farming and agriculture, rebuilding our infrastructure – not placing what would be Oregon's largest polluter in a subduction zone.

Respectfully,  
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