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OF LANE COUNTY

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Re: Jordan Cove

Mr. Lobdell:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Jordan Cove Energy Project, specifically a removal-fill permit application for its three main elements—liquefied natural gas (LNG) slip and access channel, LNG terminal, and natural gas pipeline.

The League of Women Voters of Lane County urges the Department of State Lands to deny the permit application.

Global climate change is one of the most serious threats facing our nation and our planet today, according to the League of Women Voters of the United States. If allowed to build, it is anticipated the Jordan Cove Energy Project would be Oregon's largest carbon emitter. Plans to export liquid natural gas would add even more carbon emissions globally.

The League of Women Voters natural resources position states: *"Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with the maximum protection of public health and the environment."* The pipeline would be installed beneath more than 400 waterways, posing serious pollution risks for wildlife habitat and tribal ancestral lands. Construction would impact private lands and Oregon public forests already considered at potential risk of fires, and the proposal raises questions of earthquake and tsunami hazards.

The risks are too great for the proposed Jordan Cove project. We must do better.

Sincerely,

Linda Lynch
President