

HELP WANTED

An open letter to our elected officials from the working men and women of Oregon.

Dear Governor Kulongoski & Members of the Oregon Legislature:

We have a question for you. Is Oregon open for business? At last count, 1.2 million Oregonians were out of work. Our unemployment is the highest in state history. The way we look at it, you folks need to roll up your sleeves, because it's time to fill a few positions.

HELP WANTED to get Oregonians back to work.

HELP WANTED to inject common sense into the energy debate.

HELP WANTED to build the bridge to a green energy future.

To get Oregon moving again, look no further than the two natural-gas projects currently in development – and endorsed by *The Oregonian*. Together, Bradwood Landing's LNG terminal and the Palomar pipeline represent \$1.5 billion in private investment.

- **Translating into 1000 jobs – and soon – for hard-working Oregonians.**
- **Satisfying the state's need for a continuing and reliable supply of natural gas.**
- **Making possible the incorporation of renewable power into the electric system to support the green energy future we are all trying to achieve.**
- **Developing the infrastructure needed by all natural gas consumers.**

Without question, Oregon's economy is in crisis. But with crisis comes the opportunity for true leadership. Oregon needs the jobs associated with these projects NOW. As we see it, this is a challenge to your ability to do what generations have done before us - securing family-wage jobs for all Oregonians.

The working men and women of Oregon are ready to stand with you, to ensure that you pass this test.

Oregon AFL-CIO
Columbia Pacific Building
Trades Council
Oregon State Building
Trades Council
Oregon Machinists Council
Northwest Pulp & Paper
Association
Northwest Industrial Gas Users

Boilermakers Local 500
Bricklayers Local 1
Cement Masons Local 555
Electricians IBEW - Locals 48
112, 125, 280, 659 and 932
Elevator Constructors Local 23
Glassworkers Local 740
Heat & Frost Insulators Local 36

Ironworkers Locals 29 and 516
Laborers District Council and
Locals 296, 320, 335 and 483
Linoleum Layers Local 1236
Office & Professional
Employees Local 11
Operating Engineers 701
Painters District Council 5
and Local 10

Plasterers Local 82
Plumbers & Steamfitters
Locals 290 and 598
Roofers Local 49
Sprinkler Fitters Local 669
Sheet Metal Workers Local 16
Teamsters Joint Council 37
and Locals 162 and 58

From *The Oregonian* editorial,
"An economic stimulus
Oregon could use"

"The two projects (Bradwood Landing and the Palomar pipeline) would inject more than \$1.5 billion of private money into Oregon's economy, some eight times what lawmakers seek to borrow for their stimulus program."

"Attorney General John Kroger, in particular, has been openly hostile to [the projects]."

"...state officials should work with the Bradwood developers, Houston-based NorthernStar Natural Gas Inc., and resist the politically easy temptation to side with environmentalists who oppose the project..."

"Too many jobs are at stake here for politically driven foot-dragging..."

To read the entire editorial, go to
EnergyActionNW.org

**TELL
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WHERE
YOU
STAND**

If you believe, as we do, that Oregonians urgently need to support the Bradwood Landing and Palomar projects, call the Governor's Office at (503) 378-4582 or your legislator at (800) 332-2313.

You can also demonstrate your support online by signing our petition at EnergyActionNW.org.

The Business and Labor Coalition for Clean, Affordable, Reliable Energy
The Job Keepers.

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