

April 23, 2009

Honorable Speaker Hunt
Honorable Majority Leader Nolan
Honorable Chair Read

Dear Esteemed Members of the Legislative Assembly:

We, the undersigned, do not condone the recent conduct demonstrated by advocates who oppose the development of LNG in the state of Oregon.

As leaders in the environmental community, we deeply respect the investment that elected officials and their staff give to the state of Oregon.

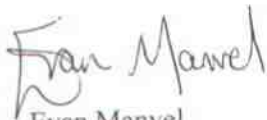
We believe the communications in question exceed the acceptable bounds of tone and conduct.

Disparaging the character of representatives and staff is simply unacceptable. We firmly denounce the nature of the communications, and have called upon our fellow advocates to return to a respectful tone and appropriate behavior.

Finally, we are aware a handful of citizens protested outside the house of a representative. We are outraged by the actions of these citizens. These citizens acted specifically against the requests of conservation groups. Conservation groups actively and passionately discouraged people from visiting the house, and provided an alternative outlet for voicing their frustrations and concerns in a public space.

We hope and expect that the actions of a handful of Oregonians will not preclude continued collaboration on key environmental legislation that can benefit the health of Oregonians and our economy.

We will continue to be constructive partners in leaving a legacy we can be proud of as Oregonians, and are at your service for anyone who wishes to discuss this issue.



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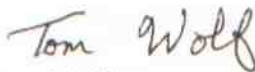
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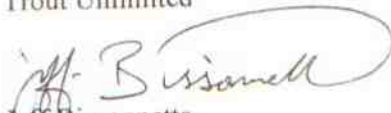
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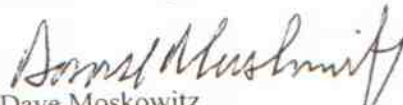
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Dear Speaker Hunt, Majority Leader Nolan, and Representative Read,

I wrote an email on April 20, 2009 to some anti-LNG activists concerning the hearing for HB 2015. I was frustrated by the process of the hearing. I'd worked very hard to line up invited testimony from expert witnesses, as agreed upon. I had to convince very passionate activists that using invited testimony to focus on the green jobs and economic aspects of the bill would be better for the HB 2015 proponents. After the invited testimony was not called, I sent the email to the activists expressing my frustration and trying to justify the decision to utilize invited testimony. This email was not intended for public distribution and certainly not as a legislative document.

I wish to apologize for the inappropriate tone of the email. It was poorly worded and unprofessional. The above context is no excuse. I should have been more respectful of Chair Read and the process.

I also understand that two people held signs outside of Representative Read's house yesterday. I do not condone this behavior and do not think it is appropriate. I discouraged anyone from doing this. This action was not connected to Columbia Riverkeeper in any way. We organized a rally at a public park to oppose LNG development in Oregon and oppose HB 3058.

Please accept my apology.

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