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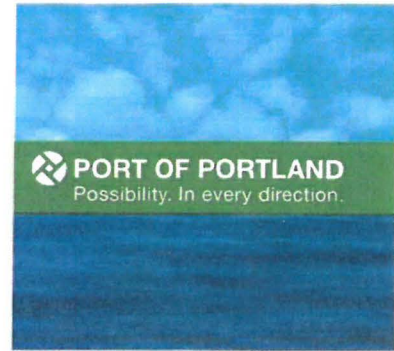
Please find the attached letter of support from the Port of Portland regarding tomorrow's agenda item 827.

Thank you!

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Portland City Council
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Dear Portland City Council:

We have enjoyed working alongside city staff and other partners to advance legislation in support of brownfield redevelopment. As longtime members of the Brownfields Coalition, we lobbied in support of House Bill 4084 and are excited that the City of Portland is considering taking the next logical step in evaluating the development of a brownfield cleanup tax incentive.

There are generally three different types of brownfields: those where the property value clearly exceeds the cleanup costs, those where cleanup costs clearly exceed the property value, and those where nobody knows until they start digging and testing. For the latter of those options, of which there are many, it is incumbent on government leaders to find ways to incentivize cleanup. Just as with any complex issue, there isn't a single solution. Rather, we'll see progress by building a toolkit diverse enough to address numerous issues. The cleanup tax incentive is just that – a tool – one that advocates, organizations and legislators agree is a good one to have.

This policy is particularly important for Portland, as the Economic Opportunity Analysis shows a shortfall of industrial land and relies heavily on brownfield properties to account for growth. With 910 acres of brownfield properties within city limits, many in underserved areas, the potential upside for communities is tremendous.

Thank you to Commissioner Nick Fish for bringing this forward, and to the leaders of the Bureau of Environmental Services, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and Prosper Portland for elevating this opportunity and taking the time to get it right. You can count on the Port of Portland to be supportive and helpful in any way possible.

Sincerely,

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