

Oregon City Oregon

6 May 1967

Governor Tom McCall

Dear Sir

My wife and I are sincerely with you in saving our Oregon Beaches for all of the people to use, and we want to thank you for your strong stand, and we appreciate your efforts. There are too many of our natural resources being taken away for individual and commercial gain, and we know the people of Oregon will back you in this matter.

Sincerely

S. W. Dobson

29 Oregon City View Manor

Oregon City

Oregon 97045

MAY 9 - 1967

Mrs Arthur St. James
4901 S.E. 66th Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97206

Gov. Tom McCall
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Dear Gov. McCall,

I am writing this letter in regards to W.P.B. # 1601. I feel that the Oregon beaches should be public beaches for the use of all. I also feel Gov. Oswald West did a wonderful thing when he set those beaches aside in 1913.

The government is the people not a few but the total population, so the states people as a whole should be able to use the beaches also.

Very Truly yours,
Mrs Arthur St. James

1967



May 8, 1967

Dear Governor McCall,
I am eleven years old. Ever
since I was a baby I
have gone to the beach.
On weekends and in the
summer we go. I am the
third generation at our
cabin in Tolovana Park. We
have many good times.
I hope you can save
our beaches.

Sincerely,
Lisa Heath

MAY 9 - 1967

12055 S.W. 34th.

Portland, Or. 97219

May 7, 1967

Governor Tom McCall,
Salem, Ore.

Dear Sir.

I applaud the stand you are taking for the preservation of the beaches, and am glad you are using your influence for HB. 1601.

A compromise for payment of a reasonable amount to beach property owners seems fair and logical. The public needs access to beaches not the Private, no entrance signs.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Oscar S. Lauge

MAY 9 - 1967

6834 S. W. Burlingame Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97219

May 8, 1967

Rep. Sidney Bazett
House of Representatives
Salem, Oregon

Dear Rep. Bazett:

I feel it is extremely important that our Oregon ocean front be protected from further beauty-ravaging encroachment by commercial interests. It is, therefore, very important that the Legislature do nothing that would encourage such encroachment. Also, we must not permit public access to public beaches to be interfered with simply to satisfy the selfish interests of private parties.

I, therefore, urge you most strongly to give further committee consideration to H.B. 1601 and report it out to the floor with a "do-pass" recommendation.

Very truly yours,

Mason Janes

MJ/j

cc: Governor Tom MC CALL ✓
cc: F. F. Montgomery, Speaker
of the House of Representatives

Portland, Ore.

May 8, 1967

Dear Governor McCall:

I had intended writing to you before to ask you to please use your influence in keeping the beaches open to the public and then I saw you on TV and heard you say you definitely intended to. More power to you!!!

I'm certain that God didn't put that beautiful ocean and the beaches there for only people who could afford it to enjoy. Wire from Nebraska & when we get company about the first place we take them is to the beach. Imagine how their eyes bug out when they see that beautiful ocean after living in flat, dry Nebraska all their lives. What a treat! Surely a few motel owners haven't the power to deprive us of that pleasure.

I'm certain you have as much fortitude as former Governor Oswald West and can keep the beaches for public use. Anyone who has ever been to California where the beaches are privately owned can see how our rights may fall into the hands of the rich so we are depending on you Governor McCall.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lambert Koch
8935 S.E. Stanley Place
Portland, Ore. 97206

Mrs A E Jordan
9230 S.E. Tenino Ct.
Portland Ore

Hear Governor. McCall.

Please use your voice and power to save our Public beaches.

You know, as well as all of us, that real estate adgents on the coast are trying to make as much money as they can by promising the commercial developers 'private beaches'; this kind of double dealing will give them more profit.

The number is countless of vacationers who enjoy our beaches and rent motels, buy food and services from these small beach communities who depend on this business as their annual income.

We have very few natural spots where we can say this belongs to all of us. Come and enjoy it with us.

Help us "please" to keep our
beaches.

Sincerely,
Mrs A. E. Jordan.

Portland, Oregon
May 8, 1967

The Honorable Thomas Lawson McCall
Governor of the State of Oregon
Salem
Oregon

My dear Governor:

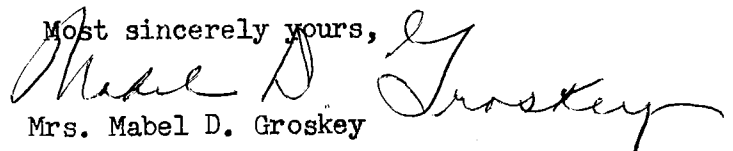
The newspaper headlines tonight tell me that the committee has succeeded in bottling up HB 1601, but I wish to commend you for your stand on this bill and your efforts to get it out of committee.

I have a house on the ocean front in Lincoln City in the Nelscott area, and I feel most strongly that all the sandy beach should be public property. One of my greatest joys is watching families as they enjoy the beach in front of my house.

You may find that in addition to the crass commercialism which you mentioned, there is another faction - at least in Lincoln County. The records in the Court House at Newport will reveal that a group of men purchased the very strip you are speaking of - even taking in some of the vegetation - and in at least one instance they demanded and received quite a sum of money from the owner of a new motel under construction in return for a right of way to the beach for his guests.

My hope is that there may still be some way you can save the beaches for everyone.

Most sincerely yours,


Mrs. Mabel D. Groskey

MAY 9 - 1967

Dayton Ore
May 7 - 1967

Gov. Tom McCall
Salem Ore.

Dear Sir.
we have owned beach property for the
past 20 years and Co. West's 'Law'
has been very satisfactory to us.
we sold to Cal. interests, but Co. West
and his "public beaches" were not part of the
bargain.

- Do individuals expect to build jettys?
 - to rip rip erosion?
 - to plant beach grass and drifting sand?
 - to police the ovens, crabs & fishing?
 - to maintain Coast Guard sta. & boats?
- How ridiculous.

Mr. McCall, we expect you to prove
that your interests are Oregon's interests
as we felt they were when we voted
for you.

most sincerely,
Mr & Mrs Austin Bowen
Dayton Ore. 97114

MAY 7 - 1967

MAY 8, 1967

GOVERNOR TOM McCALL
STATE OFFICE BUILDING
SALEM, OREGON

DEAR GOVERNOR McCALL:

WE ARE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT HOUSE BILL 1601. ONLY THOSE WHO OWN BEACH FRONT PROPERTY REALIZE THE DANGER OF PASSING THIS BILL. NO ONE COULD BE MORE INTERESTED IN KEEPING OUR BEACHES OPEN FOR PUBLIC ENJOYMENT THAN WE, AND WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY PROUD AND GRATEFUL THAT OREGON, UNLIKE CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON, HAS PROVIDED FOR SO MANY BEAUTIFUL PARKS AND TURN OFFS ALONG OUR COAST LINE.

WHEN A FAMILY OWNS A PIECE OF PROPERTY ALONG THE COAST, THE PRIDE IS GREAT THAT OWNERSHIP GOES TO THE "HIGH WATER MARK OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN." HOWEVER, PRIDE IS ONLY A SMALL FACTOR. EVEN THOUGH THE PUBLIC IS AFFORDED MILES OF BEACH AREA FOR ITS OWN USE, THE GENERAL PUBLIC SEEMS TO FEEL THAT PRIVATE PROPERTY IS MORE INTERESTING, AND EVEN THOUGH PRIVATE PROPERTY SIGNS ARE POSTED, IT IS MOST DISTRESSING TO HAVE PEOPLE CONTINUOUSLY TRAMP THROUGH THE FRONT YARD AND CASUALLY LOOK US RIGHT IN THE FACE THROUGH OUR WINDOWS. MANY OF OUR HOMES ARE BUILT RIGHT UP TO THE VEGETATION LINE, AND IF THE WORD IS OUT THAT OUR PROPERTY ENDS THERE, THEN WE CAN EXPECT EVEN MORE BOLDNESS.

IF MOST OF OUR OREGON BEACH FRONT PROPERTY WERE ALL PRIVATELY OWNED, AS IN CALIFORNIA, WE WOULD SEE THE NEED FOR THIS BILL BEING PASSED, BUT THE PUBLIC ALREADY HAS MANY, MANY MILES OF BEACH FOR ITS USE. RATHER THAN PASS THIS BILL, PLEASE INTRODUCE A BILL FORBIDDING THE PUBLIC TO BEACH FRONT PROPERTY UNLESS POSTED FOR PUBLIC USE.

SINCERELY,

MR. & MRS. FRANCIS E. WALSH
222 S.W. HARRISON ST. 7C
PORTLAND, OREGON

CC: ROBERT W. STRAUB, STATE TREASURER
CC: REP. SIDNEY BAZETT, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE HIGHWAY COMM.

MAY 9 - 1967

Rt. 4, Box 385-Z
Albany, Oregon 97321
May 6, 1967

Hon. Thomas L. McCall
Governor, State of Oregon
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

Re: House Bill 1601 - NO! NO! NO!

Being the champion of the "peoples' rights" in the controversy about the captioned bill will undoubtedly better your political position, since it is the nature of most human beings to become exercised only over abuses which affect them directly, and since only a limited number of property owners can be abused by this latest land grab.

However, I am surprised to find the Republicans and particularly a Republican governor not only countenancing such a land grab, but actively encouraging and fostering it. People who have paid property taxes on land (and with some families the tax payments will extend back at least a century), people in whom legal ownership of the lands in question resides, surely have some "rights" too. Or do they, in today's world? Beyond the right of paying and paying and paying?

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mayfield Zimmwath". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

May 6, 1967

Governor Tom Lawson McCall
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

We are so grateful that you intervened in measure H.B. 1601 involving our beaches. Our hope is that you can find the way to save our beaches for the people of Oregon. Such legislation alone would place you among our great governors and future generation of Oregonians would have you to thank for the privilege of enjoying our coast--a privilege which is already denied in so much of our nation.

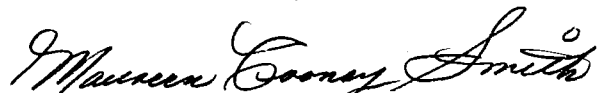
I love our Oregon and one of the main reasons is that we still have the pleasure of our beaches, mountains, lakes and streams. Please don't let anyone take this privilege away from our children!

I know we are growing cynical about how little the people can do against the power of lobbys and the conniving of smart operators who find the loophole that circumnavigates the intent of protective laws, but I still can't believe the time is here when men such as you can't act in our behalf to prevent such injustice.

Those who are fortunate enough to own ocean-rim property and complain of their property rights and taxes get little sympathy from me. They are the few who have front-row center seats on a spectacular view year-round. They walk a few feet to reach the beautiful shoreline. They have these pleasures most of us enjoy only occassionally. I know they have problems with that small uncaring portion of the public which litters and destroys but that still doesn't balance the scales against the injustice of the fencing and barricading which will be inevitable. Just as it happened at Cannon Beach, it will be inevitable.

It will take someone of your stature to lead in this battle. We are confident you will protect the public interest and reenforce the foresightedness of Governor Oswald West. Don't let them fence us out.

Sincerely yours,


Maureen Cooney Smith

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HONORABLE GOVERNOR MCCALL=
SALEM ORG=

GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE GOVERNOR WHO SUPPORTED THE
PEOPLE AND NOT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS. SUPPORT 1601
WITHOUT COMPROMISE. THANK YOU= I
R A ABEL 307 PALOMINO DR.

MAY 10 1967

KGW TV-8

EDITORIAL

May 10, 1967

Mr. Ancil Payne:

I'm Ancil Payne, General Manager of KGW Television.

All Oregonians should be deeply disturbed over the fact we well may lose our rights to freely use the beaches of our Oregon coast.

As every one of us who was born and schooled in Oregon know, in 1913 Governor Oswald West declared that the beaches belong to the people, allowing us all the right to enjoy the ocean and the uncluttered sweep of the beaches for walking, picnicking, shell hunting, turning loose the kids and enjoying life.

There's a real threat now that this will happen -- that fences and barriers will bar you and your children from the present easy access to the water and clutter up and divide the beaches, ruining the magnificent view and penning up the people.

This will happen unless the legislature takes positive action to prevent it.

This is the situation: sharp operators have recently discovered that Os West's law technically only set aside the beach between high and low tide marks for the people, although through the years the public has been free to utilize the dry sand areas above high tide mark. So a number of private beach front owners are laying title to the beach right down to the wet high tide mark and are planning to fence it off for their own private use.

(MORE)



There's a bill in the House Highway Committee which establishes state policy as being that the public has ownership to the vegetation line. This bill has only one purpose. It would not confiscate private property. It would give the state an opportunity to establish in court which areas are private and which are public. It would also provide the public a means of compensating private owners for the use of portions of beaches which the public needs for access to its beaches.

Unfortunately, the House Highway Committee, under considerable pressure from vested interests, killed that simple bill. But now public pressure has forced the Committee to reconsider it at a hearing Thursday, May 11, at one in the afternoon in the State Capitol at Salem.

There's talk about a compromise. There is no room for compromise in this simple bill, unless this is what you want your beaches to become.

There's a real and present danger that our children will not enjoy the beaches during their lifetimes as we and our fathers have during the last half century.

Do you want to save your beaches? You have but a few hours in which to act. The Highway Committee will meet in Salem Thursday afternoon. Attend that meeting or at least let your legislators know by letter, telephone or telegram that you're angry about this and want House Bill 1601 passed with no compromise, no flimflam and no tricks.

Write, telegram or call. Address your legislator, State Capitol, Salem, in favor of House Bill 1601 -- House bill 1601 -- no compromise.

I'm Ancil Payne, General Manager of KGW Television. Thank you for your attention.

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BROADCAST: May 9, 1967

May 8, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall
Governor, State of Oregon
State Capital Building
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Your efforts to keep Oregon's beaches for all Oregonians are deeply appreciated.

As a former Californian, I am acutely aware of what can happen when selfish interests, and short-sighted legislators have their way. It would be only a short while before the public would be deprived of one of Oregon's finest natural assets.

Please use all of your authority necessary to avoid the mistake that other states have made. Keep our beaches free!

Very sincerely yours,

F. William Pallari
F. William Pallari
6631 NE Hancock Ct.
Portland, Oregon 97213

MAY 10 1967

3405 S. W. Seymour
Portland, Oregon
May 8, 1967

Dear Governor McCall;

We want to
thank you for trying to save our beaches.

We went to the beach as children;
took our children, & now our grand-
children. We hope our grandchildren
can continue to enjoy our beaches and
then be able to take their children to
have what is heaven to them - long
sunny days spent in the sand and surf.

We don't want California type beaches
with fences and private property signs.

Thank you again,

Helen M. Ludeman

MAY 9 - 1967

May 8, 1967
Portland, Oregon

Hon. Tom McCall,
Governor of Oregon,
State Capitol,
Salem Oregon.

Re: HB 1601

Dear Sir,

We are proud of our beautiful Oregon beaches and consider them one of the most precious 'gifts' Oregon has to offer the people of this State.

There has always been plenty of room for everybody, Oregonians and tourists alike. ~~Everything~~ Everything possible should be done to protect our beaches for our children, and our children's children.

Heaven forbid that we should ever have that "California look."

There are far too many 'Keep Out' and 'No Trespassing' signs in this world — let's not have them on our Oregon beaches — ever.

Quite many thanks to you for
getting behind this issue.

Very truly yours,
Edward J. Singer
Doris J. Singer

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GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL=

SALEM ORG=

THIS IS ANOTHER VOTE IN SUPPORT OF YOUR STAND ON THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST IN AND RIGHT TO THE BEACHES OF OREGON THIS SHOULD BE ACTED ON THIS SESSION=

MARTHA M FARISS.

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=GOV MCCALL=

EARLY AM DLY OK SALEM ORG=

=WE VIGOROUSLY SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO RETAIN PUBLIC ACCESS TO OUR BEACHES=

MR AND MRS DONALD RANGER 505 SOUTHEAST 71ST.

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GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL=

SALEM ORG:

=IN FAVOR OF KEEPING BEACH OPEN TO PUBLIC AND BILL HB1601=

MR AND MRS RONALD JACOBSON 147 SOUTHEAST

62 PORTLAND OREGON 97215.

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PR LLF217 POM=PORTLAND ORG 9=

GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL=

STATE HOUSE SALEM ORG=

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APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS IN PASSING HB1601=

ETHEL NYE 3125 SOUTHEAST 177 PORTLAND ORG.

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HONORABLE TOM MCCALL GOVERNOR=
STATE OF ORETON SALEM ORG=

1967 MAY 10 PM 12 45

WE ARE UPSET AND WORRIED ABOUT LOSING THE USE OF OUR
BEACH AREAS AND SUPPORT ANY ACTION YOU FEEL NECESSARY
TO HAVE THESE REMAIN OR BECOME PUBLIC=
COLUMBIA VIEW JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT BODY=

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=GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL=

SALEM ORG=

MY FAMILY ALL SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE

ACCESS TO THE BEACHES OF OREGON=

PAUL T BENSON= 6217 NE 28TH AVE PORTLAND=

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PRA287

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PR LLF214 POM=PORTLAND ORG 9=

=GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL=

STATE CAPITOL SALEM ORG=

REFERENCE HB1601 WE ARE IN FAVOR OF KEEPING THE BEACHES
OPEN FOR THE PUBLIC=

R F SCHMOLL 400 NORTHEAST 62 PORTLAND ORG.

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GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL=

SALEM ORG=

URGENT THAT YOU ACT TO PRESERVE PUBLIC RIGHTS TO USE OF BEACHES. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE THIS VALUABLE TOURIST ATTRACTION. THIS MUST BE DONE NOW, NOT LATER.=

ROBERT P FANI^VSS.

MAY 9 - 1967

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PR HRA019 POM=THE DALLES ORG 10 =

GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL=

STATE CAPITOL SALEM ORG=

HB1601 DO PASS WITHOUT ANY COMPROMISE=

MR AND MRS ERNEST CLAYTON 612 EAST 10TH ST
THE DALLES OREGON ==

MAY 10 1967

Portland Oregon
May 9, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
Salem Oregon

Dear Mr. Governor,

I wish to commend you for your stand on legislation to keep our beaches open to the public. It would be a blot on the State of Oregon to allow our beaches to be fenced off. This is one of our wonderful tourist attractions. What would the beautiful pictures of our beaches look like if the beach was full of fences & keep off signs. How many tourists would come to Oregon to see a lovely beach all fenced off.

I have had a summer cottage at Manzanita for 20 years and have walked numerous times on the beach. Through these many years the whole sandy beach has been used by the public and I have not heard of any complaint. It is the continued use of the beach by these people that has built up the value of the beach properties and they should not be denied this use.

The few extra dollars some fast talking real estate promoters would make, could never compensate for the loss to the public of the use of the sandy beaches on our beautiful coast.

Keep up the good work Governor and let's beat those money grabbers.

Sincerely Yours
D. A. Corvan
7716 SE 98th Ave Portland
97102

May 9, 1967

Dear Gov. McCall,

I am writing in regard to the proposed beach bill.

Please keep the beaches free to the vegetation line at least. He cannot in all justice take everything away from our senior citizens, and these older people really enjoy the beaches. With the amount of money they are allowed on Social Security and/or pensions (and many have only the S.S.), I wonder how these people even

manage to eat — let alone have any of the pleasures of life.

I realize that many people do not enjoy the beaches, but those who do, should not be deprived.

My husband (an elementary school principal), and I (a second grade teacher in Beaverton district) keep our trailer house near Depoe Bay. Last summer the Spouting Horn Restaurant at Depoe Bay started offering a delicious smor gasbord on Thurs. and Sat. evenings, and we often went there on Saturday eve with

friends. It did not take many times before we realized the number of retired people who were enjoying our wonderful beaches and the fine facilities which they offer. Nearly all of the people present were 60 years or older, and the crowd is immense.

Accesses to the beach are far and few when you consider the usage the beach is getting from old people.

We watch these oldsters stroll along the beaches enjoying the water, sun, and spending many idle

hours picking up
objects from the sand.
Again - Why take every-
thing from them?

I am 52. My husband
55, but we can see
many happy and occu-
pied ~~hours~~ ahead for
us at the beach when
we retire.

I am sure many
will say that with
our lovely State Parks
at the beach, everyone
has this opportunity.
But - have you tried
to get a spot in our
State Parks in recent
summers? You have
to wait in line until
those from California,

Washington, and other states are out!!

They are doing nothing for our senior members of society. In fact, we are now even thinking of adding a sales tax on things they must buy with their pittance!

Beach-front property owners did not have to buy their homes there, and most people could not afford to do so anyway. Are we going to again take away from those who have not to give

to those that have?

These people have no more vandalism by the public than the homeowner anywhere else.

Sorry I have rambled so, but I feel so sorry for older ones and someday we will all be facing "too much idle time" on our hands.

Sincerely,

Vivian A. Cammann

1915 Camino Drive

Forest Grove, Oregon

Am sending my address in case you want to jail me!

Check to see —
how many of the big
beach motels are
owned by California
or out of state investors
and speculators try-
ing to wrench Oregon
beaches away from
Oregonians!

And remember —
we can't all live at
the beach!

V.C.

There should be no
compromise!

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Portland, Oregon
May 9, 1967

His Excellency the Governor of Oregon
Thomas McCall
State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

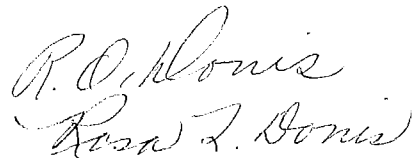
Dear Governor:

It is very disturbing and almost unbelievable that the citizens of Oregon must finally fight for what we have thought for years to be our almost "inherited" right--the unencumbered and totally free use of our wonderful beaches.

We are members of a clan of third-generation Oregonians--all of whom have been deeply grateful for our wonderful coastline and for the enjoyment of its beauty thru a considerable expanse of years.

We feel that it is our obligation to our family and to the future that this privilege be continued for eternity, and urge an immediate passage of HB 1601 with absolutely no strings attached!

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. O. Donis" on the top line and "Robert O. Donis" on the bottom line.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Donis

1322 NE 47th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97213

Governor
Tom McCall
Capital Building
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor:

I am supporting your stand concerning the Oregon beaches. All that beautiful coastline should be prevented from becoming an area of massive hodge-podge crazy developments shutting off access to the beaches!

Let us take action to retain, and obtain if the need be, certain unique areas and all day roads to the green line, for general public use. Private ownership should only extend to the green line and no further. I would not like to have a situation as now exist on the East coast.

All people need to use the beach. Let keep every inch open to the public.

Sincerely,

James E. Ribach
Melalla

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May 9, 1967

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Honorable Thomas Lawson McCall
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

As one who has seen the encroachment of private interests on beaches in the Eastern states, I hope that you will be successful in assuring availability to the public of Oregon's beaches. Free public use of our beaches is one of Oregon's great assets and allowing it to be lost would be a serious mistake.

Thank you for your alertness and for your efforts in this regard.

Very truly yours,


Carl W. Anderson
Administrator

CWA:rp

MAY 11 1967

Hubbard, Oregon
May 9, 1967

Gov. Tom McCall
Capitol Bldg.
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

We hope you succeed in paying
the entire Oregon Black fee to
the public.

Sincerely
(Miss) Mildred Schaar
Lena Schaar

Hubbard Oregon
Box 54

MAY 11 1967

Salem, Oregon
May 9, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon 97310

Re: House Bill 1601

Dear Governor McCall:

Stand up and fight! Don't let California developers and local or "foreign" real estate interests rob us of any of our beaches or any part of them. We don't want fences or "NO TRESPASSING" signs cluttering up our beautiful Oregon beaches as they do in other States. We, the public, have used these beaches for years, dry sand as well as wet sand areas, and won't stand still for being robbed of them now.

And NO COMPROMISE --- Monte Montgomery's or anyone else's!!

Very truly yours,

A MARION COUNTY VOTER

L. E. Nieswander

L. E. Nieswander
2055 17th Street N.E.
Salem, Oregon 97303

May 9 1966
Gov. McCall

Dear Sir -

Please do not let any
one take our Beaches
from us.

I was born & raised in
Oregon and have always
enjoyed our Beaches so
much

Sincerely
Anita Trague
922 S.E. 38 ave
Portland Oregon.

MAY 11 1966

Hammond, Oregon
May 9, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall,

We are in favor of a "beach bill" which extends the public's legal rights up to the vegetation line or further. We feel it is absolutely wrong for any private individuals or groups to own any part of the sandy beach. The state should condemn such land now, pay owners a fair price for it, and thereafter keep every inch of sandy beach

under the jurisdiction of
the State Highway
Department.

Please do whatever
you can to preserve our
beaches for the enjoyment
of all.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Shepherd
Box 137
Hammond, Oregon 97121

(and their four
beach-loving youngsters)

Purdy Cottages
Yachats, Oregon
May 9th, '67

Governor Tom McCall
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I am not going to
proof-read or reread this
before sending it on to you.
I want to make this afternoon's
mail as it is most imper-
ative you reconsider:—

Bill 1601 is not &
can not be. It is uncon-
stitutional. Please read it
over thoroughly & put your-
self in the place of a
beach property owner—

We, my husband & I own
1,100 feet of ocean frontage.
We have for the past six

2. years operated Purdy Cottages
that could not be situated
any closer to the ocean. We
have welcomed & encouraged
many visitors, guests, & the
general public to use our
beach. They have swelled,
fished, hunted agates & drift-
wood, also Japanese floats,
admired & studied our marine
pools with their sea anemones
& starfish, camped, built fires
for wauia roasts, etc. Students
from the university, colleges,
high schools, & also Marine
Science Center have explored
on & from our beach. They
have & always be welcome but
I do wish the reserve & land
owners right to be able to
supervise these excursions.
That is to see to it that fires
are not where they will
spread & cause entire beach
by driftwood to be set a fire.
That surely students do not

3. annoy others, etc. In other words while the public is free to roam & use our track it is with regard & discretion due to a law abiding home owner.

This the bill does not do this! Please re read the bill & reconsider.

It has always been lawful for a homeowner & land owner to exercise the privilege of ownership.

Perhaps you will recall shaking my hand during the recent convention for Republican Women. Also met you when you visited Yakima before your election.

Rose Lynn J. Oliver
Member of the 70 members
of the South Lincoln
Chapter of the Republican
Women's Federation.

Dear Governor McCall:

Many of us here on the coast are concerned about the possible enactment of legislation that may damage property rights.

House Bill 1601 is in our opinion unnecessary. People are not denied access to the beach in most of the area. In fact, so much of the land adjacent to the beach is government owned that we fail to see much of a problem even if some access ways are blocked.

We feel that this type of legislation would damage property values and belittle property ownership which is one of the basic rights in our democracy. If the argument that public benefit is more important than an individuals right to own property, then none of our property is safe. This would be especially true to those of us who live in a recreation area such as ours. If beachfrontage rights are in question---what about lakefrontage or riverfrontage?

We feel that this type of legislation will do more harm than good and would like to see the matter tabled.

Sincerely,

Hirley Metz
Republican Area Ch.

HAROLD S. HIRSCH

1308 S. W. Wyndham Lane
Portland, Oregon

May 9, 1967

Honorable Tom McCall
Governor, State of Oregon
Salem, Oregon

Re: HB-1601
"Dry Sand" Bill

Dear Tom:

Herewith is a copy of an open letter which I sent to the Editorial Departments of the Oregonian, the Oregon Journal, and the Salem Statesman, which I'd appreciate your reading. This presents a, so far, little-publicized problem on the other side of the coin.

Yes, certainly, this coin has two sides!

Sincerely,



Harold S. Hirsch

HSH/yg

Enclosure

MAY 10 1967

HAROLD S. HIRSCH

1308 S. W. Wyndham Lane
Portland, Oregon

May 9, 1967

The Oregonian
1320 S. W. Broadway
Portland, Oregon

Attn: Mr. Herbert Lundy
Editor, Editorial Page

Gentlemen:

As the wave of emotion over the controversial "Dry Sand" Beach Bill (HB-1601) has mounted during the last few days, I have watched with growing concern the dilemma in which the State is putting not only itself, but also the beach front property owners themselves.

Every coin has two sides. I am an Oregon beach front home owner. I have paid taxes on the land described in my deed, which includes the "dry sand" area, and traditionally runs to the mean high tide line. This ownership, I have believed, gives me an owner's right to prevent trespass on my property if I wish to invoke that right. However, like hundreds of other Oregon beach front home owners, I permitted members of the public to enjoy the "dry sand" area in front of my home as long as they behaved themselves. But now, if HB-1601 is passed, I no longer have the right to evict, even for cause, misdemeaning members of the public from the very property on which I pay taxes.

Governor McCall, Treasurer Straub, and the State Legislators feel they are "acting in the public interest" re the "dry sand" areas of the Oregon beaches, but taxpayers and already-established home owners are also part of the public, and their right must be considered too.

In turning over the use of a taxpayer's property to the general public, what kind of protection will the State provide to the owner against vandalism, misdemeanor, and public nuisance on his "dry sand" beach front? The very use of the beach close to his home creates a frequent behavior problem, and certainly a constant maintenance problem.

Governor McCall labels the resistance against HB-1601 as "crass commercialism". This is not entirely true. Those home owners who merely wish to protect the beauty of their beach fronts from public vandalism can't be called commercial. They are individually trying to preserve from irresponsible desecration the very Oregon beaches which Governor McCall wishes to preserve too.

*Copy for you
information
N.S.H.*

The general public is not a responsible entity. The State of Oregon, or an agency thereof, is a responsible entity. Therefore, if the State is going to remove from the owner the right of protecting his own property from misuse, then the State must provide substitute supervision, policing, clean up, garbage disposal, dressing room and toilet facilities, orderly public parking, etc. The State must enact and then enforce more stringent regulations about the public use of my beach property. Neither the beach front communities themselves, nor the coastal counties, have sufficient law-enforcing manpower to handle the influx of public that HB-1601 will permit, particularly as our population increases during the next few years.

Even now, my "dry sand" beach front is beset on holiday weekends with campers, driftwood "shack builders", high school and college Spring beer busts, sleeping-bag parties, bonfire builders, cook-outers (who rarely put out their fires when leaving), and users of our premises as a public restroom, with or without our permission.

My wife and I spend the last several hours of those particular weekends picking up beer cans and bottles, half-used jars of potato salad, mustard, pickles, etc., cellophane and other non-rotting items littering the "dry sand" area of our beach front. Broken glass is there too, often from beer bottle rifle practice on the beach. Barefoot children can no longer be allowed to run on the "dry sand" areas for fear of cutting their feet.

There is a public access to the beach near my house, and if it is any indication of the future, the parking there is so crowded on Summer weekends, that we can't get our own car in and out. Fences are smashed. "No Trespassing" signs are torn down or stolen. My son and another young man were badly beaten up last Memorial Day weekend by a gang of youths whom they merely asked to move one of their cars from blocking our house, so that my son could get his car out. Motorcycles roar up and down my dunes, jeeps and sandbuggies traverse the "dry sand" area endangering children and picnickers. With HB-1601 and the passage of time, unless there are accompanying safeguards for all beach-front taxpayers, be they home owners or resort owners, it will get worse.

Yes, certainly, this coin has two sides.

At present, I at least have the privilege of requesting people who abuse my property to get off it. But if HB-1601 is passed, I don't even have that privilege. Instead, privilege is being transferred to the public, but with privilege, there is always responsibility. Who assumes the responsibility?

Sincerely,

Harold S. Hirsch

May 10, 1967

Governor McCall
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Governor McCall,

This letter is in regards to House Bill 1601. It is well and good that you support this bill as your beach home is not frontage property.

As a owner of beach frontage property, I am very much against this bill until the bill can be revised. We paid hard earned money for our place and feel that if the general public can use our front yard to hold picnics etc. and if we had to build a public easement for their use, that we, as would be owners, should be reimbursed. I also do not feel that we should be libel for the carelessness of strangers.


We have never blocked the use of the beach area in front of our house and neither has many of our other neighbors at the beach and feel one hotel owner abuses an old law that the rest of the owners along the beach should not be penalized. Why don't you deal with him direct?

Many times I have wanted to tell people on the beach to please pick up their garbage etc. before they leave but some of the PUBLIC just do not know what it means to take care of something that is not their personal property.

We have to pay quite high taxes on our place and only hope the people in Salem can work out an agreement to satisfy all.

I would be interested in your comments.

cc: Hon. F. F. Montgomery
Rep. Robert A. Elliott
Rep. Robert F. Smith
Rep. Sid Bazett-Chairman

Sincerely,

Miss Marlene Johnson
1435 S. E. Carlton
Portland, Oregon 97202

May 10, 1967

Dear Gaurman McCall,

My husband + I are
definitely in favor of
NB 1601 with absolutely
no compromise.

Please help us to
keep our beaches public.
We consider them like
our beautiful scenery, free.

Let the ones who
want private beaches move
to the east coast where a
person must pay just to
step on to the beach - then
have to rent a chair so
they can sit down.

We don't this far
our lovely beaches.

Please help us.
Thank you

Mrs. Roy Giancarlo
3116 - 16th Pl.
Forest Grove
Oregon

MAY 11 1967

5934 N. Atlantic Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97217

May 10, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

My family and I are deeply concerned over the possible results of not passing House Bill 1601. We have always enjoyed our beautiful Oregon beaches and want to continue to do so.

The merchants of the beach areas should also realize the loss to their businesses if the public is denied access and use of the beaches.

Please help to protect the interests of all Oregon citizens. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. S. Runar Johnson

Mrs. S. Runar Johnson

MAY 12 1967

Geraldine M. Mickelsen
1173 Ferry Road
Canby, Oregon 97013
May 10, 1967

Govenor Tom McCall
c/o State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Dear Govenor McCall:

The possibility of the public ever losing their right to use of our beaches is absolutely appalling, and to fence the beauty of our coastline would be criminal. We feel the public should have right of way from the low tide line to the vegetation line.

Please, stand firm in your convictions that the beaches in Oregon belong to all the people, and be assured that we are all standing behind you one hundred per cent. The thought of our beaches looking like those in California just sickens me. I'm both angry and upset.

My family and I urge you to do everything in your power to see that House Bill 1601 passes without compromise.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Geraldine M. Mickelsen

MAY 10 1967

May 10, 1967

Governor Tom McCall,
Statehouse,
Salem, Oregon

Dear Tom:

I read with dismay the Oregonian story on private ownership of Oregon seashore property.

I had always been under the impression that Os West's claim to fame as governor was the establishment of this area as a state highway, and under the terms of this act, the beaches could never be privately held. Apparently I was mistaken as were a number of my friends with whom I discussed this story.

I beleive the Oregon beaches belong to everyone in Oregon. This public ownership will be a unique asset for our future development. Untold generations of young Oregonians deserve this from us.

Simply because California developers have run out of beach in their state is no reason for us to sell out our way of life for such small immediate gain. A situation in which certain limited areas would be set aside for the "natives" is hardly in the best interests of our people.

I wholeheartedly support your position. Is there anything I can do to help you prevent the private closing of our seashore, and to open those areas which have been fenced off?

Best regards,



Arne.

cc: Ted Hallock
Don S. Willner

MAY 11 1967

3233 N Hunt Street
Portland, Oregon 97217
May 10, 1967

The Honorable Tom L. McCall
Governor
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Sir:

As parents of three children, my husband and I are much concerned over the threat to the public use of Oregon's beaches. As an individual with personal experience in living in an area where the greater part of the available beach area was cut up into small private preserves, I am particularly concerned.

My family moved from Grants Pass to Chicago when I was very small. By the time I reached my teens I was all too aware of the fact that most of Chicago's beaches were privately owned. Chicago had a public beach--a large one, but not large enough on a hot summer day, or on a holiday. We learned from unhappy experience to stay home at such times. As seen from a boat--as I have done--the contrast between the solidly packed masses of humanity on that one stretch of public beach, and the miles of lake front with widely separated small groups of people enjoying the water and beach sports, was downright startling.

The issues here seem quite clear. In Oregon the coastal beaches are open to the public by law. Private interests who seek to close off parts of those beaches for their own purposes are in violation of the law--which has been in force for 54 years.

The law should be enforced--and reinforced by further legislation if necessary. Those who have erected barriers since the law was passed should be required to remove them at their own expense. If the barrier is irremovable, the owner should at least be required to pay a sufficiently high rate of taxes to enable the state to build up equally good areas of a similar nature for the public.

Allowing private interests to take over this area makes as little sense as allowing a private individual or company to take over the Portland Zoo for their own private enjoyment or profit.

I respectfully request that you do all in your power to protect the interests of the general public--and particularly the juvenile portion of that public--in protecting our beaches from private encroachment.

Very truly yours,


Gertrude B. O'Brien

1918 S W Pendleton
Portland, Oregon 97201
May 10, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall
Governor
State of Oregon
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor McCall:

The sentiment among our friends is greatly in favor of House Bill 1601 and we appreciate your efforts to get this controversial measure before the legislature.

We are owners of a beach front piece of property at Pacific City; nevertheless, we believe the beach belongs to the public, and coincidentally, that a highway in the Pacific City area would be also a great disservice to the people of Oregon.

You will long be remembered for your fight to save the beaches of Oregon. The public is behind you.

Sincerely yours,

Mr & Mrs. G. B. Middleton

Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Middleton

May 10, 1967

Dear Governor Mc Call,

This is a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Bittie.

Here is a housewife's prayer for the day:

Dear God, please protect our beaches from tidal waves.

Dear Mr. Bittie, please protect our beaches from "title waves." Amen

I am on my knees begging you, Mr. Bittie to please do all in your power to keep our beautiful Oregon beaches open to the public.

When we go to the coast must I tell my children "dont play in that sand behind that fence" or "dont sit on that lounge it belongs to such and such a motel". The entire public would suffer in so many ways. Hotel and Motel rates would go up because they could advertise "Private Beach Area."

The mere presence of fences would be unsightly - but nature itself would help us each winter with storms

to batter the fences - so that much is in our favor. Of course then there would be many unrepaired fences and irregular dunes would form from the shifting sands. This could cause unexpected coast line problems. And would we be charged a fee for passing through private property to reach the public beach?

If this should be made the law - then a clause should be injected that Motel or Hotel patrons with private beach areas should be restricted to that private area for their beach activities. It makes as much sense as fencing everyone else out!

We all know the motel patrons would not confine their lounging to one small area anyway. People go to the beach to "get away" from confinement. Now must we be told where to sun-bathe and where the children must build their sand castles?

Children are already so choked with boundaries, walls, fences, areas and restrictions its one of the pure delights of life to see a child run

free in the sand and be able to bat a ball and not have to worry about it going over a fence. There arent many places left for our younger generations to feel freedom - we cant loose our beaches!

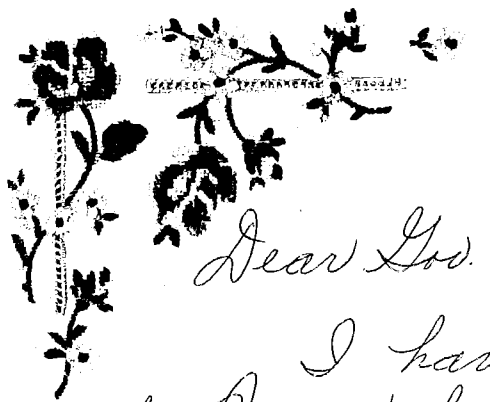
At Cannon Beach last year I visited with some tourists from Florida. They were amazed at our beautiful beaches - but the fact that they were open to the public impressed them most of all. Our beaches are such a tourist attraction we must never mar their beauty with signs or fences.

Dont fence me in - or out!

Thank you,
Mrs. Johanna Herinckx
1533 S.E. 74
Portland, Oregon 97215

Mr. McCall, this was my letter also sent to Mr. Bittie. My husband asked me to tell you that I am the wife of your Portland Barber - Morey.

Mrs. Maurice Herinckx



6720 SE Franklin
Portland, Ore
May 10, 1967

Dear Gov. McCall

I have been a citizen of Oregon for a great many years and never dreamed we'd see the day the beaches would not be free to everyone. We hope you can exert your influence to see they will always be free. People going to the beach spend money on gasoline or food etc. Only a few can go to a posh place. Please see this letter channelled to those who are voting on this bill

1601.

Sincerely
Mrs. J. De Benedetti

MAY 1 1907

May 10th 1967

To the Governor of the
State of Oregon, I am an
Old Oregonian Born and
raised in Oregon, and I
don't want the Beaches
of Oregon closed off to the
public so I want the
House Bill 1601 put throu-
g and Passed, I was Born
here in Independence Oregon
in 93, and I want those
Beaches open to the public

Yours Truly

a registered voter

Ray Allen Stevens

2818-N-Hunt St

Portland, Oregon

MAY 11 1967

May 10, 1967

Governor McCall,

Dear Sir,

Please take any steps,
no matter how drastic to
keep our beaches open
to the public.

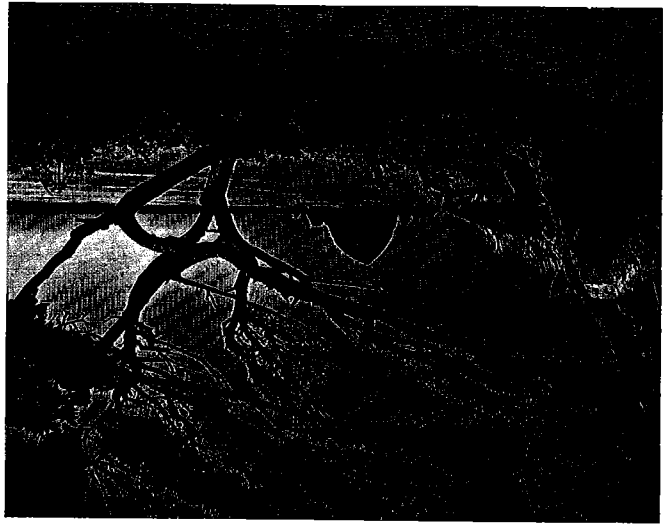
HB 1601 should be
passed, with no compromises,
if that is what it takes to
keep the beaches.

Thank you sincerely,

Mrs + Mrs. Edward L. Schoor
350 Smith Drive
Woodburn, Oregon

MAY 15 1967

HAYSTACK ROCK
CANNON BEACH, OREGON



Cannon Beach was so named because a cannon was washed ashore here from the American sloop Shark, wrecked at the mouth of the Columbia River in 1846. Beautiful Haystack Rock, 300 feet high, is one of the largest monoliths in the world and probably the most photographed natural landmark on the Oregon Coast.

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Eugene C. Clark
4110 W. Cornwell St.
West Linn, Oregon
97068

Dear Governor Mc Call:

I would like to express the support of myself and my wife in your behalf for the preservation of Oregon's beautiful beaches for continued public use & ownership. It would truly be a crime to allow private ownership of a natural beauty of our country and state now enjoyed by so many.

Respectfully yours,
Eugene C. Clark

MAY 10 1977



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Tom -

Straub holding news conference
at 1:30 today on 1601 amendments -
d'll cover -

secretion ~ 6600

J.A. Sanders
Rt. 3 Box 29
Lebanon, Oregon
May 10, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
State House
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I, as a property owner of the state, must take a stand in opposition to the Beach Bill. It violates the right of privacy, makes the private property owners position more unbearable, and is an unnecessary approach and begins the road to communistic thinking.

Such a law precludes the right of privacy granted to the citizens of the United States by constitutional law. It invades the right to have or own property for personal benefit.

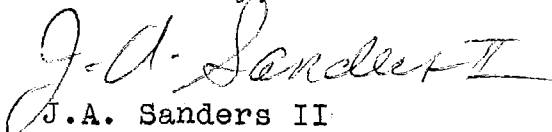
The property owners in the state are becoming to have less right as far as the public is concerned each day, yet it is the property owner who pays a major portion of the taxes and has to fear suit even though any person may be trespassing.

The situation in view of public nuisance to the property owner is now becoming out of hand. Why should anyone owning property contend with the trash and litter the public leaves behind? Also, hunters entering private property and killing livestock which is a common occurrence during the hunting season. Such happenings are common enough to myself and other farmers and ranchers. If such occurrences are now to be observed, an increase will surely be observed with such a law as the Beach Bill. It might be foreseen that some will construe such a law to freedom as an open invitation to ingress and abuse privately owned property. Since trespass laws are not strong enough and the watered down versions sponsored by the government of the state do not afford protection now, the private property owner, if the Beach Bill is passed, will see the end to any protection he has at this time. The bill becomes unjust in that it leaves the property owner open to legal action in case of injury and does not alleviate the abuse to property now occurring by the (good?) public.

The forcing of private owners of beach property to allow public usage is an unnecessary and objectionable approach. The lands owned by the governmental bodies should be developed to the fullest extent possible. If the population using the beach area by count is such that additional facilities are needed, the land should be purchased. I also point out that only for roads and public utilities may the right of Eminent Domain be used.

If this law is the freedom for which many of the sons of Oregon residents have and are now giving their lives for, I am surprised. They would, if informed of the law being considered for passage, be in a state of amaze. They are fighting to keep our country free of communism and in their own state a law sounding that very ideology they are making a stand against.

Yours truly,


J.A. Sanders II

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GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL=

SALEM ORG=

AS A RESIDENT OF SEATTLE AND A PROPERTY OWNER IN TOLOVANA PARK OREGON I AM ALL IN FAVOR OF HB1601 THE OREGON PUBLIC BEACHES MUST REMAIN PUBLIC=

GUY TUCKER 1205 NE 42ND=

Please do your utmost to
save the beaches for the
common man. We can't all
afford beach property & high
motel rates for a day's outing.
Remember Oswald West.

Gwen & August Gubler
4403 S. E. 31 Ave. Portland

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Real Estate and Insurance

POST OFFICE BOX 1232
323 S.W. COAST HIGHWAY
NEWPORT, OREGON 97365

May 9, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall, Governor
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Governor McCall:

Please record that at least one small real estate dealer
on the coast agrees with you on the dry sands issue and hopes that
you will not cave in to the real estate lobby.

Cordially,


Burt Rodman, Broker

881 S.E. Monterey

Portland, Oregon 97266

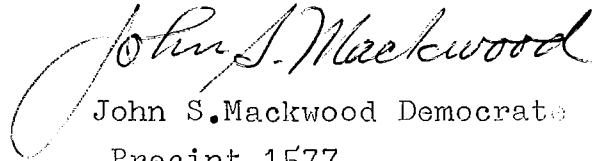
May 9, 1967

Tom McCall Governor
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor;

I Support keeping the Oregon Beaches opened
to the Public.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John S. Mackwood". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

John S. Mackwood Democrat
Precinct 1577

May 9, 1967

Dear Governor McCall:

I am one of many Oregonians that believe in our inherited right to the dry sands of our Oregon beaches.

HB 1601 should be supported to gain our rights through this very important bill before our legislature.

Sincerely,
John C. MacNamee

MAY 10 1967

13427 S.E. Beech St.
Milwaukie Oregon



5-9-57

Dear Sir:

Please don't let
our Oregon Coast
change. Have you
noticed California
Coast? Even you
couldn't get to the
water there unless
you went to an
already overcrowded
Public Park. Our beaches
are 50% of Oregon's charm.
Don't let these motel
owners spend money.
Money can't buy some
things. Spend it - it's
a loyalty to those to
come, to those past,
and as the air is free
but now doubtful.

—Edney—
E. W. Olson
Seaside, Ore.

Route 1, Box 736
Astoria, Oregon
May 9, 1967

Miss Marshall

To the Editor

Dear Sir:

Re: "'Dry Sand' Bill Survives Raid by Opposition",
The Oregonian, May 9, 1967.

I wonder which of our loyal, trusted government employees sold the beaches of the State of Oregon - or made such a sloppy sales contract that the Oregonians with beach property are now expecting to put their fences up in China? And they will too. They are just this selfish and inconsiderate of others. And are they really paying taxes a block down into the beach - and are they really paying taxes according to market value? With the help of the Political Machine, they can really come up with some better gold-digging than the Neakahnie treasure.

"The beach bill became the hottest issue of the 1967 session @ -". Did it really become "the hottest issue", or is it being used to cover up for the lack of work being done by the State Legislators? Certainly, the beaches are a good subject to bring before all of the people of the State of Oregon. They were lucky to come up with this one. It will bring more sympathy to the Legislators than the bills in which they have been trying to pick the pockets of the people of Oregon. It will even make the people stop arguing about money for awhile and then maybe the Legislators can pass a "sleeper" bill for government finance. The Beach issue isn't "hot" at all - it is just ignorance. Similar to wrestlers putting on a show by snarling at each other when they jump into the ring.

We have watched these inexperienced, glory-happy, dabbling Oregonians in Legislature for so long now that it is quite simple to see the course of action that they will take - one suggestion was the interim committee which will hop around the State for a two-year period. Only why do they keep thinking that we are so "simple". They would have to be more "simple-minded" than we to even think that we are going to put up with this kind of "work" much longer. Back to the beaches - another course of action will be a suit by friends of the Legislators with attorneys and courts chosen to "shake" the public that isn't on to them (they still hope that there are some of these in the State of Oregon). The Political Machine, the courts and the attorneys all control each other. I rather imagine that they will be able to stir up ulcers in the people who do not know this.

The backers of government without representation are quite a bore. It is so easy to spot their moves, and their motives. The "hottest" issues of government business are being discussed in private circles and on the street corners - something is going to have to be done. By now many of us know that the Legislators go to work when the session ends - they grab the taxpayers money and the government employees and start traveling back and forth across the state working against the people. There is something drastically wrong with Legislators when they refuse to bring the business to the people. It is so-o-o nice to be a Policy-maker - a Dictator - but amongst educated people, it just isn't shrewd thinking. Better come out of hiding and share your plans with the rest of us.

May 9, 1967

What a waste of time and newspaper space - grownup men making front-page news out of something that could be solved by putting people in their place. Play around with them in the courts and newspapers while even they, themselves, know that they are trying to "pull someone's leg". Really, we aren't children. A good citizen wouldn't even think of trying to take from the people everything but the ocean. Tell them the story of "the good citizen". Ask them if they can "stand" to eat that which farmers produce, to drive the cars which skilled workers turn out, use the modern conveniences which many of their fellow-citizens are inventing and placing on the market for their use, the drugs to help keep them healthy, the helicopters which would help ensure the safety of their guests on the beaches - ask them how much of that which they are using they had the intelligence to produce.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Marvin Fausett

P. S. It isn't Communism to claim the beaches for the public. It is sheer stupid to sell them to selfish citizens who don't know any better than to think that they got a good deal.

Mrs. Fausett

P. S. This kind of people certainly do create burdens for a busy public. I keep wondering why we continue to hire them. I am speaking of Legislators who claim votes at the Precinct Level and know that this is dealing with a Phantom.

Mrs. Marvin Fausett

*This Beach thing makes me just
furious - to think they couldn't even
get this straight - Mrs. Fausett*

Gov. Tom McCall
State Capitol
Salem Ore,

Portland Ore
May 9, 1967

Dear Governor McCall,

I am writing you
in regards to the controversial dry
sand beach bill:

My faith in you has
been rewarded by your recent stand
on this bill. This bill as we
all know, if it should be passed,
would deprive the average Oregon
Citizen the right to enjoy one
of God's gifts that nature has
bestowed on all of us.

Save our sea shores
for each and everyone of all the
people. They shouldn't be given
away to the very very few.

Sincerely yours
Arthur R. Soltow

6310 No Noughton St

P.S. Keep up your good work in
stopping air pollution & your
efforts to clean up our rivers.
Portland Ore

Dear Sir:

MAY 10 1967

We urge you to please
do all you can about this
Beach Bill. We as natives
of Oregon (taxpayers) want
the beach's free to all as
we were told for years.

Mrs + Mrs. J. L. Clark

Portland, Oregon 97266

May 9, 1967

Tom McCall Governor

Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor;

I Support keeping the Oregon Beaches opened
to the Public.

Sincerely

Elva M. Mackwood

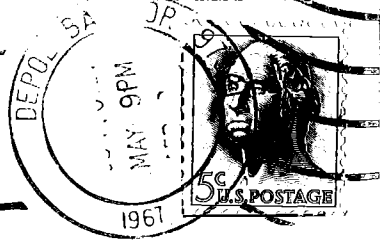
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Dear Governor
Thousands play
here Sat & Sundays
Thanks for your support
on HB 1601 Keep up
the good work and
Thanks

Gov. Tom McCall
The Capital
Salem
Ore.

NCO-186—Color by Jack Bruns

Jack Bruns

MAY 10 1967

May 9 - 1965

LEE Marilyn Covach
4233 S. E. 27th Ave.
Portland 2, Ore.

Governor Tom McCall
Salem Ore

Dear Sir:

Please do all in your
power to save our
Beaches for the people
so that we all may
enjoy them as in the
past.

Sincerely
Lee Covach

MAY 10 1965

6310 N. Houghton
Portland, Ore. 97203
May 9, 1967

Mr. Tom Mc Call
Governor of Oregon
State Capitol Bldg.
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your stand to protect the rights of the people of Oregon on the controversial "dry sand beach bill."

With the leadership of people like you and Representative Howard, the beaches of Oregon will be saved for all instead of the benefit of a few who care only for their own selfish interests.

Thank you again, not only for

this, but also for your stand
on water and air pollution.

With your leadership, many of
Oregon's problems may be solved.
You have both my husband's and
my whole-hearted support.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. Mildred Sattow

Portland, Oregon.

May 9, 1967.

Dear Governor Mc Call,

I appreciate your interest in the Public's right to use the Beaches of the Oregon Coast.

I own two lots at Tolovana Park, south of Cannon Beach, paying taxes there more than twenty years.

Although I am 75 years old, I am very active and still like to picnic and roam the beaches with friends or relatives.

My husband and I always voted for you, even when you were defeated by Edith Green; much to our disappointment. I voted for you last election. My husband has been deceased five years.

We need more men of your character. May you enjoy the best of health.

Sincerely,

Anna J. Laermussen
7805 N. Washburne Ave.
Portland Oregon 97217.

MAY 10 1967

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HONORABLE TOM MCCALL, GOVERNOR STATE OF ORE=
SALEM ORE=

1967 MAY 9 AM 7 5⁴

THIS OFFICE REPRESENTS MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TOO BUSY JUST GETTING BY TO TAKE MUCH NOTE OF THEIR BEACH AREA. WHEN THEY FINALLY EMERGE FROM THEIR PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION THEY WILL EXPECT TO HAVE EASY ACCESS TO AS BROAD AND AS LONG AND AS DRY A BEACH AS ANY CITIZEN OF THIS STATE RICH OR POOR. PLEASE DONT COMPROMISE=

LEGAL AIR SERVICE ALBINA BRANCH 59
NORTHEAST STANTON.

MAY 9 - 1967

226 N.E. 79 Ave.
Portland, Ore
97213
May 9, 1967.

Hon. Gov. McCall
Capital Bldg.
Salem, Ore.

Dear Gov. McCall,

We are appalled that Oregonians may lose the use of our beaches for recreation. Please don't let this happen.

The state of Washington was wide awake and has already passed a bill protecting their beaches.

We favor House Bill with no compromise on beaches!

Respectfully yours,
Mr. + Mrs. J.M. Gulbina

MAY 11 1967

PO BOX 1061
MAY 11 1967
AM
BUS

4736 N.E. 91st Ave
Portland, Ore. 97220

Gov Tom McCall,
Salem,
Ore.

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to the Oregon beach question. It seems incredible that the public could be denied the right to our beaches. I cannot understand the heartless selfishness of persons who could take away this great freedom and pleasure for the chosen few. I, for one, would not patronize ^{such} a resort. I could not enjoy these God furnished sands knowing they are forbidden to the majority of my fellow-men. For goodness sake, do your best that this does not happen.

Yours truly
Mrs Mrs Frank Fisher.

Rt. Box 308
Estacada Ore

Jim

I agree, save the
beachs from high tide to
the green for now and
posterity.

Sincerely Yours
Charles Kent, Jr.

Cascade Traders

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BOX 1133

PORTLAND, OREGON 97207

MR. MCCALL

SIR,

I WOULD LIKE TO AWARD THE PRIZES
WHO STARTED THE BARE FACED STEAL OF
THE OREGON BEACH PROPERTY A MINOR
SHINDIG AND A BROTHER IN THE
BACK END, IT IS THIS WRITERS OPINION
THAT IT IS NO CO-INCIDENCE THAT IT
HAB BEEN TAKEN NOW. AND AS GOVERNOR, YOU
SHOULD MAKE THOSE LOOSY LEGISLATORS
KNOW THAT THEY ARE GOING TO WRITE
A CLEAR, BEYOND MISTAKE LAW, SO
THAT NO ONE MAY FENCE OFF ACCESS
TO BEACH AREA, ANYWHERE. IN OREGON

Cascade Traders

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BOX 1133

PORTLAND, OREGON 97207

THE WHOLE THING IS JUST A LITTLE TOO
PAT, TO NOT BE A BARE FACED STEAL OF
PUBLIC PROPERTY. I DO NOT KNOW WHY
LEGISLATORS CANNOT OR WILL NOT
WRITE CLEAR LAWS, AS COULD BE IN 1913
AND WHENEVER THE PRESENT LAW WAS
WRITTEN, THE PRESENT SITUATION WAS NOT
THOUGHT OF, BUT THE PRESENT CRISIS
WAS TO BE CAH CLEARLY UP. NAVY

S. INGEBLY

J. O. TRUITT
J. O. TRUITT
BOX 1981
PORTLAND, ORE
97207

Portland May 9, 1967
Governor McCall - please,

These people have no
beaches in California.
Why should they be
allowed to sneak onto our
"cant a law be made" no
fences allowed within 20
feet of the high tide mark.
How can they claim the
beach. It has been
known to be free
for everyone all
these years.

If one Governor can
say "the beaches are for
the people", why cant
you our present
Governor settle the line (20)
"twenty feet beyond high tide
mark", at least - no fences
or other obstructions any
nearer than that.

Sincerely,

Mrs. H. V. Bennett,
922 - S.E. 38th

Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Millen
7316 S. E. 70th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97206

May 9, 1967

Dear Governor McCall,

I think that the Oregon beach area should be saved for the public so I urge the passing on bill 1601 or a similar bill like our neighbor the State of Washington has now under the state parks.

There are several large family, low income people that would never see the beach if they had to pay high motel rates to get into the beach. If business got control of the beach then high summer rates would probably go higher so the ones that could afford their prices now might not be able to then.

God gave us places of recreation and he did not put fences around them to keep anyone out.

Thank you,
Robert M. Millen

May 9, 1967

Dear Governor McCall,

I am definitely for House Bill 1601 and approve of your stand on open Oregon Beaches. Please do whatever you can to keep the beaches open to the public.

I am also on your side re the Oregon tax program.

Sincerely

Mrs. H. Lucille Kain
940 S E Lombard, Beaverton, Ore.

May 9, 1967

Dear Sirs,

My three-year-old daughter
loves the Oregon beaches.
This morning while listening
to the radio, she heard
that our beaches were in
trouble. She said "Mommy!"
"Someone is trying to take our
beaches away."

How in the world do
you explain to a three-
year old that certain
people want to put up
big fences on our beaches,
and that we will not
be permitted to walk along
the beaches as we used,
(over)

to do?

as a mother I appeal
to you - Don't let this
happen.

I also have a year old
son. Is he going to grow
up only to find the
beaches are Taboo - with
fences up for only a
select few to enjoy the
beaches.

Defeat this please.
all of us will be
grateful. Sincerely,

Mrs Thomas Dolbow
a concerned mother

May 9, 1967

Governor Thomas McCall
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. Governor:

Please do all in your power to retain our beaches for use by the public, forever.

We lived in Calif. for four years while stationed in the army and we saw first hand what has happened to the Calif. beaches and we do not wish to see this happen in Oregon. I also make a plea to you from all the young men away serving their country in the armed forces - our son being one. They look forward to the day they can return home to all they hold dear - which includes enjoying Oregon's wonderful beaches.

My husband and I voted for you although we are registered democrats because we felt that you

would be a man who had the
interests of all the people all of the
time.

Sincerely,
Katharine D. Heltrich
(Mrs. A. L.)

Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Heltrich

942 S. E. 15th Ave.

Portland, Oregon

972 14

4704 1/2 E. Alberta St.
Portland, Ore. 97218
May 9th, 1967

Dear Sir:

I am very much in favor of
H. B. 1601 passing because I feel
the public should not be refused
the use of the dry sand beaches
of our Oregon coast. May I urge
you to use your influence in
getting this bill passed.

Sincerely

Mildred M. Rich

MAY 22 1967

Portland Ore.
May 8, 1967

Dear Sir:

I would like to see the
HB 1601 Bill passed as it is
a great Tourist attraction for
people of Oregon and Tourist of
other states.

Sincerely Yours
John H. Rich
4704 NE Allecta St.
Portland Ore.

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SALEM ORE=

MY HUSBAND AND I SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO RETAIN PUBLIC ACCESS TO OUR BEACHES=

MR AND MRS OLE AASEN 7105 SOUTHEAST STARK.

MAY 9 - 1967

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GOVERNOR TOM MCCALL=

SALEM ORE=

WE STRONGLY SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO RETAIN PUBLIC
ACCESS TO OUR OREGON BEACHES=

MR AND MRS WAYNE MCGAIN 6017 SOUTHEAST 89 •

MAY 9 - 1967

Mr. Frank Thompson
4015 S.E. STARK ST
Portland Ore-97214

His Excellency MR. McCall
Governor of The State of Oregon-

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask you to
Please do what you can to keep
our beaches open for us. The
Public.

We have lived in California
for 4 years and their beaches are
a mess. That was another very good
reason for us to return to Oregon.

We are very proud of our
Oregon beaches and are so proud
to take our out of state
visitors to our open beaches.
Please keep them open.

II

When we stop to analyze the situation if the beaches are closed in the dry sand area what can a family do for recreation.

Our rivers are so filthy and contaminated our children or us can't swim or picnic in or near them.

We've got 2 teenagers still home with us and all of us love to go to the beach and this is another reason we've had no trouble with them - we share our love of the beaches together. Please sir help us keep them (our beautiful beaches) as they are -

MAY 9 - 1987

Thank you very much -
Sincerely - Mr. Frank Thompson

May 9th 1967

Governor McCall

Dear Sir -

I emphatically oppose
to our State of Oregon giving any
Californians or any other people the
right to closing any of our Beautiful
Oregon beaches off, so we the
public cannot enjoy them to the
fullest extent.

Oregon is the most wonderful
State in the Union - lets keep it
that way -

also protect our streams and
rivers.

Most sincerely,

Mrs (Lewis G.) Emma J. Rodlun

2336 Galer Way

Forest Grove, Ore.

MAY 11 1967

May 9, 1967

Dear Governor McCall:

For four generations, many months have been spent on our ocean beaches. My Grandfather George Allen, lived at Seaside for 40 years and my parents lived at Seaside for 20. My childhood summers were spent there as were my children.

The beach is a very important part of our lives and it disturbs me greatly to think it might be restricted for us.

I urge you to put a bill before the house to preserve our beloved

teachers aid to keep them open
to all. Thank you.

Sincerely

Mrs. Harry Weibler Jr.
4900 S. W. Windsor Ct.
Portland, Oregon

RECEIVED

A.M. Smith
4122 NE 26
97211

PORTLAND

Portland Ore.
May 9 1967
4122 NE 26.

Dear Governor McCall:

I never thought
that I would be writing
to ask the Ore. Legislators
to save our beaches.

I have enjoyed these
privileges since I was a
child and now I want
my grand children to have
the same advantages.

Some of these beach
hogs are coming from
California. Are we going
to allow this? Why?
Please pass 1601 to keep
our beaches free.

MAY 11 1967

Thank You
Felicie Smith

Portland Oregon

May 9, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall

Capitol Building

Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

There's with you on HB 1601
to keep the beaches for the
people of Oregon with no
compromise.

It would be a crime to
see our beaches lost like
on the East Coast and California.

If any Legislature ^{would} let our
beaches go - they should never
be elected again.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Steward Brown
3323 SE 71st Ave

Portland, Oregon
May 9th 67

Governor Tom McCall,

Dear Sir,

We recently enjoyed your appearance on Television concerning H. B. 1601 about our beaches. And I must say it did our heart good to see you stand up for the public as a whole. I know it takes a lot of nerve to stand up against big business. My wife & I feel that the beaches do belong to all the people. I very much believe that you're going to make a great Governor. May God bless you in the many decisions you have to make each day.

Most Sincerely

William Chyan

Portland, Oregon, 1503 Hayden Island Rd.

18628 S.E. Addie Street
Milwaukie, Oregon 97222
May 9, 1967

The Honorable Mr. Tom MC Call,
The Governor of Oregon
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. McCall:

Re: HB 1601

We are grateful to you and others who are wishing to preserve Oregon's beaches for Oregon's citizens--all of them.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Bazett, Highways Committee Chairman, which is self-explanatory.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. McCall, we are

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Regina C. Brown



Mr., Kenneth J. Brown

Encl.

COPY

18328 S.E. Addie Street

Milwaukie, Oregon 97222

May 9, 1967

The Honorable Mr. Sidney Basett, Highways Com. Chr.
House of Representatives
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. Basett:

Re: HB 1601

Unrestricted access to Oregon beaches is a singular asset of Oregon's recreational appeal.

Its value as a tourist attraction and a joy to our taxpayers and citizens is unsurpassed. This should far outweigh greed for personal profits.

Surely no public-spirited representative would align his interests with such a minority group.

Copies of this letter are being sent to our Governor, Mr. Tom McCall; Secretary of State, Mr. Clay Myers; State Treasurer, Mr. Robert W. Straub, and others who are representing the people of Oregon.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Regina C. Brown

Mr. Kenneth J. Brown

3806 - S. E. 39 Ave.,
Portland Oregon 97202
May 9th 1967.

Gov. Tom McCall.

Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I urge the passage of
H. B. 1601, without compromise.

Please do all you can to
keep the Ocean Beaches open
for public use, for now
and for years to come.

Sincerely,
Mrs. C. F. Zigler.

MAY 11 1967

15785 SE Powell Blvd.
Portland, Oregon 97236

May 9, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall
Governor of Oregon
Salem, Oregon

Sir:

I wish to thank you for your current fight to save the right of the public to have free access to our ocean beaches. At this moment I feel rather helpless but it is my hope that a few words of encouragement will help.

It seems to me that the issue is fairly clear cut. Do we or do we not want to assure the present and future generations of Oregonians the right to have access to the beaches? If the answer is no we have only to continue to congratulate ourselves on our enlightened and secure position and one day in the not too distant future we will awaken to the fact that the beaches are gone.

I notice in today's Journal that Mr. Montgomery claims to have heard from many property owners who reaffirm their desire to let the public continue to use their beach property. If this is what the rights of the public rest upon, God help us. Mind you, I do not belittle this attitude at all. Having been raised in a farming community I recognize and value such an enlightened attitude. But will these people own this property forever? How soon will it be before some friendly young man will stop by with enough money to buy many, many beach fronts? It is my guess that it will not be long; the opportunities for the beach developers are rapidly running out elsewhere in the United States. The reason is very simple. The beaches have all gone into private ownership until now over 90% of all ocean beaches are privately owned. That seems to leave Oregon and Washington as the last great frontier for the beach developers.

I submit that the word frontier is the correct word. And we the public are the Indians. And as in days of old we can predict the outcome exactly unless we are prepared to fight. In the meantime we will be deluged by soft words, meaningless or deceptive laws, court injunctions, warrants for arrest, and finally fences, toll stations and blazing neon signs. At this point I, as one of the Indians, will conclude that we have lost. But until then I will go on fighting. This letter is to encourage you and our friends in the Legislature who understand the situation to go on fighting for the laws which will do the best job of protecting the rights of the public.

Finally, I trust that you will not mind if I send copies of this letter to two of our Representatives who also need encouraging. Unfortunately I do not have time to write them personal letters.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon L. Long

Vernon L. Long

CC: Betty Roberts
Norman Howard

Lake Oswego

May 9, 1967

Dear Governor:

Thank you
for protecting the
public's interest
in free use of what
is left to us of Oregon's
ocean beaches.

Yours truly,

Winifred B. Brown

Powder River Sportsmen's Club

Incorporated

P. O. Box 162

BAKER, OREGON

May 9, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall
Governor
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

The Powder River Sportsman's Club commends your stand on public access to dry land areas of Oregon's beaches. Although this issue arose late in the session, we believe it is one of the most important matters to come before the legislature.

We urge your continued efforts toward solution of this problem before adjournment of the current legislative session.

Sincerely,

Cecil Roberts

Cecil Roberts
Legislative Chairman

MAY 11 1967



May 9, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Was shocked beyond measure to find that some California real estate investors were endeavoring to find loop-holes in the Oregon laws governing the use of our beaches by the public.

Believing sincerely that you have the interests of the people of Oregon more than any governor we have had in recent years, we know that you will leave no stone unturned to keep our beaches free as we thought they were for the past fifty years.

Oregon loses out in a great many ways on account of the weather, and we need the free beaches to attract tourists and residents.

A law giving those who own "dry-sand" beach property the use of that beach tax-free would no doubt help. If the Oregon owners had wanted to fence their property they would have done so long ago, but what would anyone really gain by it?

Don't let one of Oregon's greatest attractions go just for the sake of a selfish few. If there is anything we can do to help, please call on us.

Sincerely yours,
Bern Breeden
Mrs Bern Breeden
Mr. and Mrs. Bern Breeden
3737 N. E. Marine Drive
Portland, Oregon 97211

May 9, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Morey
10235 Southwest 62nd Avenue
Portland, Oregon

Governor Tom Lawson McCall
Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

As voters and long-time tax payers in the State of Oregon we wish to fervently urge you to save our beaches for the people of Oregon and visitors. Our beaches are a great source of pride when we invite friends from other parts of our country as well as other parts of the world.

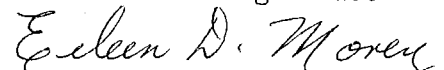
We are property owners both in Portland and in Cannon Beach we want the beaches for the use of all the people.

If House Bill 1601 with NO COMPROMISE is the proper bill to vote for which will save our beaches for us, we strongly urge you to vote for it.

Sincerely,



Art M. Morey
Production Manager KWJJ



Eileen D. Morey (Mrs. Art)
High School Secretary
(Portland Public Schools)

P.S. Dear Tom:-
We started this to be sent to our legislator, but since you are an old friend & ex-radio counterpart, we felt it might be better to send it to you. We own some beach property but feel very strongly for passage of H.R. 1601 and
(over)

MAY 9, 1967

DEAR GOVERNOR McCall,

Please for the good of all of us put all possible effort into passing House Bill 1601.

IN The long run it should EVEN BE of Benefit to Beach front owners by Keeping them from being penned up by their neighbors Fences all along the beach.

Stanley FARR

Native Born Oregonian 52 years

Stanley E. Farr
ANITA FARR

Mrs. Anita Farr
Native Born 44 years

Dorothy Dorothy McFarr

18 years

Virginia Virginia Farr

17 years

NANCY Nancy Farr
11 years

1955 South Third Street
Corvallis, Oregon 97330
May 9, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Honorable Sir:

I should like to express a few thoughts regarding the Private-Public controversy over the matter of ownership of the Oregon beaches. My ideas are not necessarily practical, but as a Long-Range-Plan, I think they are worth considering. Our coast area has been so built up in recent years that all the enjoyment has gone out of going to the beach.

Take the "Bayshore" development at Waldport, for example. That area used to be a favorite place for "last day of school picnics." It is tragic that it can no longer be enjoyed by the Public in this way.

First, it is my opinion, that wherever at all practical or desirable, the land between Highway 101 and the ocean (where the Highway is one fourth mile or less from the beach) should be public land and be developed for recreational purposes -- with private construction held to the east side of the Highway.

This may sound visionary, but as a long-range-plan this could be the end result for many miles of the coastal area. Areas such as the present towns, etc., would have to be exempt from this, of course, but long strips could be Public Scenic Areas, with easy access to the beach proper.

Second, I think the Legislature, in its present session, should pass whatever laws are necessary to commence the purchasing of any beach property that is for sale. If this were done, in ten or fifteen years, many sections now privately owned would again be available to the Public for access and parks along the beaches. I speak only of the area between 101 and the ocean as mentioned above.

Now, I do not believe that this private property should be bought by "persuasion" or condemnation proceedings. But time, age, and changing circumstances will ^{put} many of these properties on the market. The State should buy them.

Some would object that this would result in many small parcels of land in a "hit-or-miss" pattern; but it would be practical. The present owner would not be deprived of his property as long as he wished to hold it; but in time that which was desirable for Public Recreation would be returned to public use and enjoyment.

Yours most sincerely,

Hazel A. Beals
(Mrs. F. Wayne Beals)

(over, please)

P. S. I should like to add a few lines regarding the proposed Sales Tax.

We see much in the papers that we are to have Property Tax relief via a Sales Tax. I should like to raise this question: How is it going to benefit the property owner to reduce his property taxes by one-third and then require him to pay more than that amount in taxes via a Sales Tax??

Figure it out for yourself -- one-third of your taxes on your home, compared to the amount of Sales taxes you will pay in a year, with a 3% tax.

We are a retired couple, no longer able to work, living on a moderate income, and except for food, having to spend all our income on necessary services which would be taxed. As we see it, the proposed Sales Tax would cost us more than the savings on our property tax would amount to. To us, an income tax based on one's ability to pay, is the only fair tax.

I thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Hazel A. Beale

9230 S. W. Whitford Lane
Portland, Oregon 97223
May 9, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall
Governor of Oregon
Office of The Governor
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor McCall:

This refers to HB 1601. I fail to see why all the fuss all of a sudden about the public losing access to the public beaches of the State of Oregon. We have lived in the State of Oregon all of our lives, have been to most of its beaches, sometimes for a day, and sometimes for a week or longer, and never had we at any time been approached for trespassing, regardless of whether we were walking at high or low tide, wet or dry sand, or in front of any property. Of course, we never encroached upon the private property (as we thought of it) of anyone or used their steps or lot as a short-cut up from the beach. I believe this same situation has existed with most beach-goers, outside of, perhaps, a few beatnik-type individuals who, without camp or trailer facilities, and utter lack of caring about others and their rights, set up lean-to tents of a sort and have their bonfires and beerbusts right in front of steps of homes. This, I have seen. Also thoughtless individuals riding horses, racing cars and motorbikes, scooters, etc., on the beaches without thought of children, or even adults, walking on the beach. All of these I have seen, even before acquiring ocean-front property of our own. Even then, and not until then, realizing that our property and title insurance included more than just the lot itself, it would never have occurred to us to prohibit anyone from walking the beach in front of our property, wet or dry sand, high or low tide, had it not been for the notoriety and publicity lately in this matter. However, in view of all the adverse publicity and inferences against the owner of ocean frontage, I would now feel free if an objectionable person caused a disturbance or bothered my small grandchildren immediately in front of the portion leading from the steps of my home to the beach, to ask him to leave, and would pursue the matter should there be any objection.

From maps of the State of Oregon and the most recent Blue Book published by the State, I find that there are thirty-eight State Park and Recreational areas on the ocean frontage of the State. Surely, with all these facilities, furnished for the most part free of charge to one and all, with the exception of overnight camping and trailer space, there is ample beach for all the residents of this State and the many tourists who enjoy the same privileges. If private property owners are expected to give up their rights to their own property, for which they have paid

premium prices and also taxes in proportion to the assessed valuation, which is based in our case on the purchase price, why, then, should not the State of Oregon make all its facilities free of charge to the residents of the State of Oregon, taking funds allocated, or asking for more funds, which would, I am sure be gladly given by the so-called "public", who claim such deprivation, and charge only those out-of-state cars, trailers, etc. for the overnight privileges.

Anyone looking up and down the Oregon Coast for choice ocean-front property, as we did for several years, will find that the most beautiful expanses of beach and wooded areas and places of extreme beauty are all State property. They are all available to one and all, as are many access roads to other beaches all along the coast, in front of homes such as ours, and the people owning such property, like us, have never thought anything of the people enjoying walks, picking up driftwood and rocks, etc., anywhere they chose.

I feel that the public, by means of newspapers and on television, have not been given a true picture of this situation and that they should be told just how many state parks with how many miles of ocean frontage there are, and also just exactly how many instances have come to the attention of authorities of people being asked to stay off the beach in front of private property - by that I mean on the beach below homes. The only incident I have heard of this was the Cannon Beach Motel incident, which, even though within their rights, apparently, I do not exactly condone, although I understand it is a practice followed by many other beach areas outside of Oregon. However, actually, Cannon Beach is a large and beautiful place, with room for all the residents who would actually ever go there at any one time.

We are in the process of building a home to which we expect to retire next year. We sought long and paid dearly for premium property on the ocean front and do not like to feel that we are included in those who are grabbing or taking anything from the public which is their due.

I have a strong feeling that there is more interest on the part of the State in accruing lands and future lands than in just providing the people with more beach lands to enjoy. The cost of this bill, considering time of legislators, committees, etc., can easily cost the taxpayers of this State far more than it should. I doubt if the general public will, regardless of the outcome of this bill, be affected in their own personal activities as far as beach-going and beachcombing and enjoyment, in general, is concerned.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the State Senator and State Representative from Lincoln County, as well as the Honorable Robert Straub, Clay Myers, F. F. Montgomery, and L. E. Stewart, Park and Recreation Advisory Committee, State of Oregon.

I hope all these matters will be given due consideration expected by the people of this State in these matters and that no one will suffer by any legislation emerging from it.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph C. Carlson
(By Emma E. Carlson)

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
THE MALL
1005 EAST MAIN STREET
MEDFORD, OREGON 97501

May 9, 1967

Mr. Eric Allen, Editor
Medford Mail Tribune
33 North Fir
Medford, Oregon

Dear Eric:

I cannot say that I am surprised at your editorial of May 8, 1967 wherein you support the bill pending before the State Legislature which would purport to give the State of Oregon title to the portion of beaches in Oregon between the mean high water mark and vegetation on the basis that it is for the public interest.

Our Oregon Constitution provides that the State cannot take someone's property except for public need and upon paying just compensation.

I am familiar with the property along the Oregon coast in Curry County and in that County over one-half of the ocean frontage is already owned by the State of Oregon and they already have a great many public parks. The rest is owned by private individuals who paid for that property on the basis that it was ocean frontage and they have been paying high taxes based upon the valuations because it is ocean front property.

These people have the same title to the mean high water mark that you have to your own home and the same title that people have to property bordering rivers, such as the Rogue River.

It would be just as legal for the State Legislature to declare that all of the river frontage on both sides of the Rogue River, the Applegate River and any other stream that you might want to name, for an area of one hundred yards back from the river belongs to the State of Oregon just because some day the general public may want to use the river frontage and yet over the many years, people with such water frontage have paid much higher taxes because property valuations are much greater where the property borders any water.

Your main argument seems to be that there are more people in the state of Oregon who do not own ocean frontage than do own it and

Mr. Eric Allen

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therefore we should take it away from those who have it even though they have that property legally and have title to it the same as for any other piece of property, and give it to the State without any mention of just compensation or of need.

By the same token, there are a great many more people who don't drive Lincolns and Cadillacs than do, so we should take them away from them and let the general public use them without just compensation even though it has cost them much more to operate those vehicles and they cost them much more when they purchased them.

Maybe we should make a public park out of your back patio while we're doing all of these things for the general public.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

Paul W. Haviland

PWH:ms

cc: Representative Floyd H. Hart
Representative Robert G. Davis
Representative James A. Redden
Senator Lynn Newbry
Governor Tom McCall ✓

Dear Tom

*Maybe we should make
a public park out of your
front yard.
Let's remember we do
have a constitution and this is a
long step towards complete socialism
Regards
Floyd H. Hart*

Otter Rock, Oregon

May 9, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
Salem, Oregon.

My dear Governor,

May I suggest that now
is the appropriate time to provide for
long overdue help by the State in
fighting beach fires?

For 12 windy years, I have
caught fire, deliberately set in the
driftwood, by the Public.

My years now weigh heavily
upon me and I would appreciate
aid in control of beach fires from the
proper source. The Oregon State
Highway Commission.

yours truly,

Gladys Jones

Beachfront Home owners

6214 S.E. 36th
Portland, Oregon

REG. MAIL
MAY 11 1967



Dear Governor McCall:

I am in favor of HB 1601 without compromise thus reserving the rights of the public to the use of the dry beaches of Oregon.

Thank you so much for your help and concern.

Most sincerely,

Barbara S. Johnson
SUPPORT

The Honorable Tom McCall
Governor of State of Oregon
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

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MAY 11 1967

Dear Sir:

Please help save our
beaches. I favor HB1601.

Mrs. W. Johnson
219 N. E. 79 ave.
Portland, Ore. 97213

MAY 11 1967

Miss Maribel Starr
631 Lancaster Dr. N.E.
Salem, Ore. 97301

MAY 11 1967

May 10, 1967

Dear Honorable Governor
McCall,

I was born
here in Oregon and
have enjoyed our
beaches for 27 years.

As a school teacher
and a citizen of
Oregon it would be
a tragedy for generations
to come if we let
property owners put
fences or barriers to
keep the public off the
beaches.

I am behind you
100% in leaving the beaches
open to the public.

Sincerely, Maribel Starr

Our family and
friends want to
have bill 1601
passed. - We
are afraid of what
will happen and
the ugliness that
will spoil our
beaches, if the bill
is not passed -
Please help us.

L. F. Rhode

Washington County (Legod)

May 10-67

Dear Governor McCall,

We have been very pleased with your concern for the people of Oregon and you are doing a wonderful job. We are distressed about this bill & would like H.B. 1601 passed without compromise.

Thank you

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Frank & Arlene Fall

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The Honorable Tom McCall, Governor
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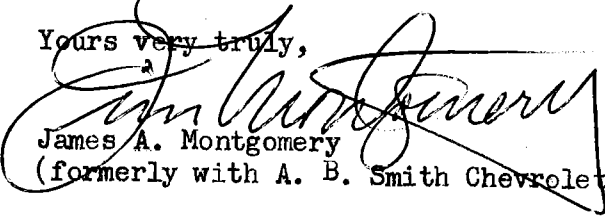
Dear Governor McCall,

Yesterday I voiced my opinion regarding the "dry sand area" and found so many people interested that it was urged to write the enclosed letter of plea. I understand the State of Washington has solved their problem and perhaps we could follow their plan.

A clipping is enclosed -- "Sex offender draws term", which is of interest to both of us. Just a few short years back we both were ardent lobbyists for stronger sex-crime laws and no doubt the penalty meted in this case was aided by the laws "WE" helped to make.

Please remember that any time I can be of service to you personally or in any other capacity, I will endeavor serve well.

Yours very truly,


James A. Montgomery
(formerly with A. B. Smith Chevrolet Co.)

I have not heard how your son is who was so very ill. I'd like very much to know.

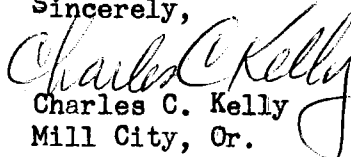
Charles C. Kelly
333 S. W. Linn Place
Mill City, Or. 97360

Mill City, Or. 97360
May 10, 1967

Honorable Govenor' McCall
State House
Salem, Or. 97301

Govenor McCall:

We ask that you do everthing in your power as Govenor to bring H.B. 1601 out of the committee for a vote before the legislature adjourns. Save our beaches for us and generations to come. This great heritage and a very distinct one should be preserved at all costs. We do not ask that the property owners be deprived of their rights down to the dry sand, that should be for all to enjoy. Don't let them litter our beaches with fences and "keep off" signs.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Kelly
Mill City, Or.

1745 Lee St., SE
Salem, Oregon
May 10, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir,

We wish to express our appreciation of your backing of HB1601.
Regretfully, there are many of us who did not realize that this
situation exists.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Donald I. Senter
Ruth A. Senter

Mr. and Mrs. Donald I. Senter

202 11 107

May 10, 1967.

Dear Governor McCall,

Since your election, I've been intending sending you a note to tell you how happy this family is that you are the leader of our beloved state. We're proud of you and for what you stand. You will be one of Oregon's greatest and best loved governors!! Your active participation in having Oregon's beaches for public use, will place you in the same league with Os. Wash. Lets prove to the rest of the nation that Oregon still retains the spirit of the pioneers, and refuses to be pressured.

Sincerely,

Charibel M. Beach
(Mrs C. Lauren Beach)
1404 NE Hancock # 2
Portland, Oreg.

736 Oak St
Medford, Ore.
May 10, 1967

Gov. Tom McCall
Salem, Ore.
Dear Sir:

I feel that when our beaches were proclaimed a public highway, it was intended the use of the dry sand portion also, up to the vegetation line, so no one could make them private like California and the Eastern states have done. How many times have we read in our newspapers that our beaches are public? The beach to me means a place to lay in the sun after being down in the surf.

After so many years of being proud that our former governor had the foresight to proclaim our beaches a highway to make

them public. It seems a shame
(we the public) should be short
charged now. How do the logs
get so far up the beach if the
tides don't bring them in, especially
during our winter storms?

I hope our representatives will
work for the general public and
keep our beaches free for the
use of all people.

Sincerely
Mrs. L. M. Shreve
736 Oak St
Medford, Ore
97501

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Hon. Governor Tom McCall
State House
Salem, Ore.

5-18-67
823 Jerry St
Eugene -

Dear Sir,

I am happy to read in the paper that you are trying to get the legislature to pass the Beach Bill.

For the last several years a neighbor at Yreka has been cleaning his ground off and piling tons of trees and brush & debris on the beach off his property.

Even Gov Hatfield investigated it and found there was no law to stop it as these papers will show.

I would like to have Monte Montgomery and the Committee read these and it may show some light on the way the law now stands and it may show a little light on just what some people will do to litter beaches.

I am sorry I did not know about the bill before and this may be a little late but would do any harm. Please return them if possible. Resp yours, Harold Groves

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ACTION IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC=

SALEM LOCAL I.S. & E. U. 184

JOHN FRALICK PRESIDENT.

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May 10, 1967.

Gov. T. McCall.
Please fwd this
to the proper dept.

We desire house
bill #1601, be
passed as is,
no alterations

Respectfully yours

A. A. Lauber
6332 71st E. 39th
Portland Ore.

Portland, Oregon
7734 S. Central

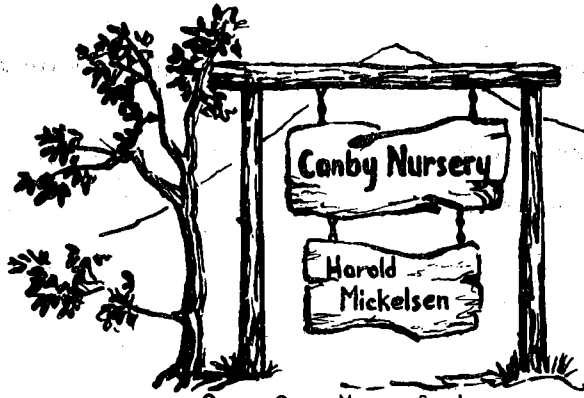
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Mr. Tom McCall
Honorable Governor,
State House Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir,

Having only moved to Oregon eight years ago, we have since that time come to enjoy the freedom of Oregon Beaches.

The love of meeting friends and relatives from out of the State, of knowing closer relationships in contacts with people, not here-to-for known, and all because we do so enjoy life along the surging surf tide, and on the Oregon Beach Saults. We do urge the passage of House Bill 1601 and ~~no compromise~~
Thank you Mrs. Neal Fort



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Governor Tom McCall
c/o State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

Please do everything possible to see that House Bill 1601
passes without compromise.

I feel very strongly that the beaches in Oregon should belong
to all the people.

Very truly yours,

Harold Mickelsen

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May 10, 1967

The Honorable Tom L. McCall
Governor
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Sir:

Regarding the threat to the public use of our Ocean Beaches, in my travels I have heard many folks comment on what a wonderful move Oregon made to preserve our great scenic natural resources.

Our girls drove to the East Coast with us and complained bitterly that much of the Great Lakes and the Atlantic were not even approachable. They were amazed.

Perhaps someone who owned their beach property when Governor West made his timely move 54 years ago might be entitled to consideration, but those acquiring beach areas since that time could read the law and know its intent. Apparently everyone accepted it until now. It seems that these folks have lost nothing and would have nothing coming unless the state took over more of their property. A restraining order to prevent closing beaches, and to prohibit construction of any kind in the controversial areas should be issued pending resolution of this very important matter.

I respectfully request that you do all in your power to guard the general public's interest. Great damage can be done in a very short time.

Very truly yours,

Lester L. Large
2434 NE 57th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97213



May 10, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall
Governor of Oregon
State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Sir:

Re: House Bill 1601

As an interested property owner and taxpayer in Marion County and the state of Oregon; as a qualified and registered voter for the state of Oregon; and more particularly as a native Oregonian I am vitally interested and concerned over the current legislation pending before our Legislature with respect to our "Public Beaches." I am completely in support of House Bill 1601 and would strongly recommend its passage in its current form with no compromises whatsoever.

We certainly did not hear of any complaints approximately three years ago from either our Oregon beach property owners or any foreign interests when a considerable amount of money was expended from Highway Funds to be used to eliminate the tremendous driftwood and log problem on the beaches following our windstorm of 1962. It seems to me that it is certainly being one-sided.

In addition, perhaps the property owners of inland property could also do as they want to do. I for one have a piece of vacant land behind my own property. Perhaps I should fence it off and use it as a private playground for my children. You can see how far I would get if I ever attempted this.

I can readily see in some areas it is necessary to either purchase property from these beach owners or obtain easements to provide access and right-of-way to the beach areas. However, I cannot feel that the property descriptions on this beach front is so undefined that there would be such a question pending now before the Legislature. I realize that many years ago former Governor Oswald West did make an edict with the main purpose to keep the beaches free for public use. To my knowledge, which I admit is very limited with respect to Oregon Law, I do not believe that this was a law as such. Therefore, it is my feeling that these property owners are still bound by the property descriptions and limitations on their property the same as those of us who own property in the remaining portion of the state.

I heard many people say that should our beach property become nothing but a maze of fences that there will be a lot of fence burning. We certainly do not want this to happen either. We have had enough Seaside riots to last us a good many years and we certainly do not want them spread to other areas of our beautiful coast.

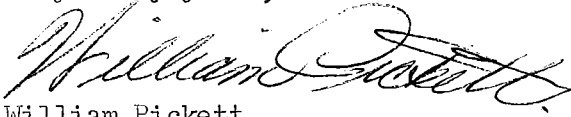
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Governor of Oregon

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I strongly urge the passage of House Bill 1601 in its present form. We are not in a position and should not be placed in a position to have to compromise with anybody concerning our beaches. If this Bill is not passed in this session of the Legislature I would strongly urge some temporary guidelines until the 1969 session of the Legislature when this situation can be resolved in its entirety. During the interim period we should not permit any of the property owners on the coastal areas to construct fences depriving the rest of the Oregon property owners and population to have free use of the beach.

Very truly yours,



William Pickett

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2276 S. E. 41st
Portland, Oregon 97214
May 10, 1967

The Honorable Governor Tom McCall

We are future voters of
Oregon and the House Bill 1601
must be passed for the benefit
of future Oregonians and us.

Sincerely yours,
Claine Houie

Jori Schiller

Paula Robinson

Lorraine Laneza

Karen Peck

C. H. Starker

Chris Quail

M. Ryan

Bob Jones

Karen Lee

Rudolph Heubert

Doug Patterson

Mike Newcomer

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Mrs. B. A. Pitts
3730 N. E. 116th
Portland, Oregon
May 10, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Governor McCall:

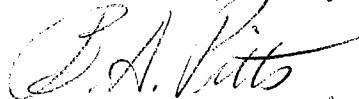
I am one of the many anxious Oregonians, appealing to you to use all the influence of your office to see that our public beach areas are retained for the use of the public, not the few "promoters" who wish to fence and seclude these areas.

It is almost frightening to note how overnight, it seems, we can be deprived of what we have long considered protected areas for all Oregonians.

You know, of course, I am referring to House Bill 1601.

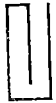
Also, I believe a public statement is in order from the Highway Committee as to why this Bill was kept in Committee and just what "pressures" were exerted and by whom which caused them to do so.

Yours very truly,



B. A. Pitts

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john f jensen aia
architect

norman e krause
associate

May 10, 1967

Hon. Tom McCall
Governor
State of Oregon
Salem, Oregon

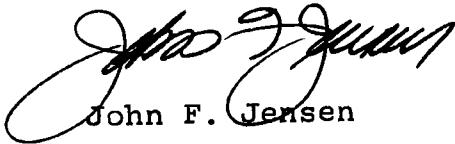
Dear Sir:

I am in complete agreement with you on your stand on H.B. 1601.

We would be guilty of gross negligence if we permitted this strip of beach, essential to public access, slip behind the barricades of the "interpreters."

I am in favor of passage of this bill without modification or compromise.

Very truly yours,



John F. Jensen

JFJ/mj

MAY 11 1967

1862 n w kearney
portland 9, oregon

Portland , Ore, May 10.

Dear Govener.

Nothing in the newspapers have upset me and my family ~~as~~ the news last Sunday of the beach Grabbers trying to shut off the beaches to the Public. I can understand why Californians come up here to grab of the cream. My Brother lives about two block off the beach at Pacific Palisades Calif. and payes 50 cents to get on the beach in front of him and then can walk about two blocks when he runs into another fence. Is that what we want for our familys and people we have invited from all over the U.S. to cometo Oregon and see our beautiful FREE beaches, Ive done a lot of bragging and hope the laugh wont be on me.

Right now our State Parks on the beaches are so crowded on Holidays they turn hunderds away as you know, so what would it be like if this bill 1601 dont pass. We know you will do all you can and we want to give you our support

I have been given the authority to add these names of Tax payers to my letter who are also hopeing this bill will pass and save us our Beachs.

Mr. & Mrs Howard Johnson
2004 N.E. 5th ST.
Portland Ore.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Cox.
3953 S.E. mall St.
Portland Ore.

Mr, & Mrs. Pierre Dasse.
8410 S.W. Carmel Court.
Portland Ore.

Mr. & Mrs A,D. McIntyre
8117 N.E. Beech
Portland Ore.

Mr. & MRS G.E. Mc Culloch
5824 S.E. Lincoln St.
Portland Ore.

Sincerely
Mr. & Mrs A, J, Gorham
4820 S.E. 82, Ave
Portland Ore.

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May 10, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
Salem, ORE

Dear Sir,

I am glad that you
are watching out for the
people of Oregon.

The issue on keeping
the Beaches open to the
Public Bill # 1610 -

I have enjoyed the
Oregon Beaches ever since I
was a kid - being a
Oregon born and raised
child - I have for a
long time enjoyed making

a trip to our Oregon
Beaches - also my
3 Children have always
enjoyed the Beaches.

I will close for
now with Best wishes to
you and to your success
as our leader.

I feel very good
about Tom McCall being
our Governor.

Yours truly,

Samuel G Clark

Brother to Sam Clark
H. F. Clark Furniture
in St. Johns.

Mrs. K. B. McEllone
9116 S. W. 25th Ave
Portland, Oregon
97219



May 10, 1967

Governor McCall

Dear Sir;

I would like to say
that my husband and I think
you are a good Governor.

We hope are concerned
about H. B. 1601 and will
save our beaches.

We also hope the Highway
Department will not be allowed
to put a road on the unique
beach at Pacific City.

Sincerely
Frances E. McEllone

MAY 11 1967

11356 N.E. Glisan

Portland, Ore.

May 10, 1967

Governor McCall

Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Will you please use the influence of your office to cause passage of H,B. 1601, without compromise or amendment.

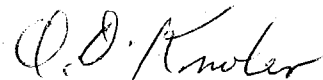
This would be a crime to our children and to the coming generations, if we allow this bill to be defeated or amended.

One of our greatest tourist attractions is our miles of open beaches. With defeat of this bill, we would soon be like the eastern states.

With our rapidly expanding population, we need open beaches as much as we need clean air.

I thank you for your time.

Yours very truly,



O. D. Knoles

Dear Sir -

5/10/07

Please use your influence
to bring HB 1601 out of
committee without modifications -
Our beaches are for the needy
and not the greedy -

The Vene Authors

Cannon Beach, Oregon
May 10, 1967

Governor Tom McCall
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor:

We want you to know we are solidly backing you on measure
(HB 1601).

We own a motel $\frac{1}{2}$ block from the beach here. Since the
economics of Oregon depends largely on the tourist dollar
how can a few want to deny so many the beauty and pleasure
of the beaches?

We understand now why the State Highway Department want to
build state parks along the beaches.

We are counting on you and your good judgement to help
protect all our rights.

Very sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Murren

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Murren
Box 536
Cannon Beach, Oregon 97110

MAY 11 1967

May 10, 1967

Dear Gov. McCall,

I must offer my support of your "beach policy" and I must do it quickly. I have resented the "quickness and quietness" of the attempts to smother 1601.

We have lived by this policy of open beaches for years - at any time this "technicality" could have been discovered. Surely the same sense of law applies at this time.

A referendum takes time, organization and money - but you have the support of many garden club women. We'll do whatever is necessary. I'm sure you are aware of the "more deadly of the race" policy. It takes added impetus where the beauty of Oregon is concerned.

Thank you and Mr. Strawn for making an open issue of this bill. Do your best for us.

Hastily yours,

Charlotte Myers
president Lualaba Garden Club.

Mrs. Boyd Myers
Rt 3 - Box 269 Sherwood, Oregon
97140

Re. House bill 1601
and - Automobiles off the beach

Talovance Park, Oregon
Box 112 - 97145
May 10, 1967

Governor McCall
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir,

I am the owner of a small grocery store so hear the opinions of my customers. They are glad that you realize the seriousness of allowing private ownership of our beaches.

Beside from the many points against this happening I would like to add some others

1st. It would mean economic ruin to many motels not directly on the front.

2nd. Stores would suffer in the same way.

3rd. For those who would "own" a small bit of the dry-sand area, even they would be pinned up in their front yards and would not have the glorious walks they had enjoying.

I would also like to feel in my place that automobiles be taken off the beaches. A petition a couple of years ago was submitted to the Highway Commission for the Cannon Beach, Talovance Park and Arch Cape area to take traffic from

This beach. There were some 800 to 900 names
on this petition. Incidences of injuries, of harassment
by motorists, dogs deliberately hit or killed, families
not being able to relax while their children
played, all have been cited. I understand there
was a child killed about 3 yrs. ago at Cannon Beach.

Children are not supposed to play on a highway
so that take the wet sand-highway away from
them. Many people are not coming here for that
reason. The petition was shunted around to the
County Commissioner and heard of no more. This
matter merits looking into and not only contacting
a few Cannon Beach merchants who fail to see that
the type of trade brought in by "beach-runners"
is not as great as trade by families.

I would be glad to furnish a list of incidents
which have been reported to me during the
last 4 years.

Sincerely,

Janet Soderberg (Mrs.)

1097 39th Ave N.E.
Salem, Oregon
May 10, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall
Governor of Oregon
State House, Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. Governor,

We all know how you stand on the question of the use of the beaches above high tide.

A question keeps coming to my mind and that is " Are the adjacent property owners actually paying taxes on the dry sands above high tide ? " I firmly believe that they are not, and I believe they never have. This could easily be checked through the assessors of the beach counties.

If what I believe is true the tax payers in those counties have been providing the beaches all of these years and I believe they are willing to continue to do so.

May your efforts in preserving the beaches for use of the people be not in vain.

Very truly yours



L.A. Hawkins

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YOUR EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF HB1601 APPREICATED. SINCERELY=
MR AND MRS WILLIAM E ROBINSON 7003 SOUTHEAST 97.

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DEAR GOVERNOR

I DONT LET THEM COMPROMISE OUR RIGHTS TO THE BEACHES=

MR AND MRS ROBERT B WHITE 2373 LAUREL AVE NE

MAY 10 1957

3235 Crest Drive
Corvallis, Oregon
May 10, 1967

Representative Sid Bazett, Chairman
House Highways Committee
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon

Dear Representative Bazett:

We support the bill which will ensure the public the right to use the dry sand portions of the beach.

Our lovely coastline and many fine parks are a source of great pride and joy to all Oregonians. Our first dramatic experience was a small visitor from the L.A. area who begged to go to our public pool instead of to the beach. This mystified us, but we took her to Fogarty Creek Beach anyway, and she loved it. Her only previous experiences had been on overcrowded, littered, small public beaches near L.A.

Another emotional impact hit us when we traveled on famed Cape Cod last summer only to find it was very difficult to get down to the beach. We felt like criminals when we stopped in a municipal beach parking lot just to look at the water and had a policeman come up and check to be sure we were not getting out and not staying long--this at a time when there were hardly any other cars there.

When we were traveling in Ireland, relatives there expressed great concern because foreigners were buying up most of their coast line and this realtor visualized the time when the Irish would not be able to enjoy their own coastline. We bragged about Oregon's law (which til now we had thought included to the vegetation line) and urged Ireland to do the same before it was too late.

We too own a lot at the coast, and would be very sad if our use of the beach was restricted to the wet sand. In The Netherlands at Scheveningen (where we lived a year), all sorts of collapsible beach houses, restaurants, and the like popped up on the dry sand areas as soon as weather permitted, and the fences went clear out into the water. This meant Dutch unwilling or unable to pay admission had to travel, often walking, much farther to get a public free access to the beach.

Surely your committee and the legislature do not want to be a party to allowing the natural beauty of our beaches to be despoiled and withheld from public use.

Sincerely yours,
Matha J. Wolfe

Mrs. John W. Wolfe

cc Governor McCall
cc State Treasurer Robert W. Straub
cc Loren Smith
cc Don Wilson
cc Dick Hart

MAY 10 1967

Rt. 1, Box 193A
Bend, Oregon 97701

The Honorable Thomas McCall
State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

I am behind you on your stand on HB1601 concerning the use of Oregon beaches. While I realize it may cost money to correct the situation I can see no better use for some of our highway funds than this. Best of luck on this and your other programs.

Sincerely,

Wallace Wilson
Wallace Wilson

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 SALEM ORG=
 NO COMPROMISE BEACH BILL 1601=
 GEORGE MORAN= 1155 SOUTHWEST HUNTINGTON
 PORTLAND OREGON=.

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HONORABLE TOM MCCALL=

GOVERNOR STATE OF OREGON SALEM ORG=

APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS FOR THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL
1601=

W E LEES= 7204 NORTH GREELY PORTLAND OREGON=.

MAY 10 1967

3354 S E Brooklyn
Portland Ore.
97202

5/10/67

PORTLAND

Dear Governor McCall:

As a transplanted
Middlewesterner I appase
H.B. 1601. Perhaps I
appreciate more than the
'natives' the joy of having
access to Oregon's beaches.
In these days of stress and
turmoil thousands of Oregonians
have the beaches as their
only retreat. Not everyone can
go to Hawaii or Palm Springs.
You are doing a fine
job and are respected
throughout this state

and others for your
fearless stands on issues.

Please keep up the
good work.

May God Bless your
efforts.

Respectfully
Adelena R. Strayer
(Mrs H. L. Strayer)

Dear Tom:

again I am astounded
at your action on this
matter.

Sincerely
Hugh Jennings

May 10, 1967

To: Senator Lynn Hawby
Oregon State Senate
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Lynn:

The Governor's proposal to confiscate private property on our Oregon beaches can only be classed as, Socialism...oh, it might only be termed a dangerous precedent...but at any rate it can at best be called, an outrage!

As you are well aware our Oregon constitution clearly states that private property shall not be taken by the State without just compensation, and the Supreme Courts have held that even then... Such proceedings must first be proved to be necessary! If private beach property can be confiscated in this dictatorial manner then what is to prevent similar actions to take any private property for public use? Your car, my rifle or Mark Hatfield's front lawn? Identical happenings have occurred in Nazi Germany...Communist Russia, Cuba, China and numerous other countries under dictatorships.

What the hell could possibly be necessary about abolishing our incentive system wherein individuals work hard to achieve ownership of their own treasured private property...for a loathsome society in which private ownership is eliminated? The present National administration has involved us in a bloody war in Vietnam because they tell us it is to prevent exactly this same insidious thing from happening in that poor God-forsaken country, and yet Oregon's Governor supports that struggle...it doesn't make sense!

I am confident you will do your usual outstanding job of protecting the rights of our people in stopping this highly unconstitutional proposal.

With kindest personal regards,

MAY 12 1967

HUGH JENNINGS

May 17, 1967

Tom McCall
Governor of Oregon
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Sir:

It is the right of each individual to acquire real property, to use it for his own purpose so long as the law is observed and to exclude the public if he chooses. Otherwise, anyone could park in my driveway, picnic at my backyard barbeque or even enter my living room and watch T.V. The mere fact that a particular piece of real estate happens to be sandy and is adjacent to the sea makes not one iota of difference in this important principle.

If the "public" desires beaches, then let them allocate some portion of their public monies for the acquisition of them - AND NOT THROUGH THE PROCESS OF CONDEMNATION EITHER!!!

Yours truly,

Chas J. Hanlon
Chas. J. Hanlon
Route 1 Box 221
Cornelius, Oregon 97113

Copy to:
Robert Straub

CJH:11

MAY 18 1967

Yellow

May 23, 1967

Mr. Hugh Jennings
Hugh Jennings Insurance Mart
1005 E. Main
Medford, Oregon 97501

Dear Hugh:

I appreciate your sending me the copy of the letter to Senator Newbry, although your comments are a little off the point--since neither your Governor nor the legislature is interested in confiscating any public property. I have always been an advocate of private enterprise and certainly my opinions have not changed.

I hope you will watch the developments on this bill as I firmly believe you will come to realize that I am working for the betterment of all the citizens of Oregon, as well as for the protection of the rights of the property owner.

Sincerely,

Governor

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P.S. Oh, man of little faith, it's your kind that has led the GOP away from Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot-- from a majority party to the 27% party. I saved the GOP from disaster on this one. And let's lay off the easy McCarthyism, "He's a socialist". Come, now, Hugh-- really!

Thomas

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Office of the Speaker

May 10, 1967

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1601

After very careful consideration and deliberation with property owners, members of the public, geologists, and lawyers, the following amendments are being offered to the Highway Committee for their consideration on HB 1601.

The amendments are designed to accomplish two principal objectives.

I. Public Easements

It is clear under the common law that the public may have acquired beach and related property by ^{deed} grant, ^{by filing plans} dedication or ^{use} prescription. There should be little difficulty in ascertaining these easements that have been acquired by grant or dedication. The problem arises with respect to those easements that have been acquired by prescription. In general terms, an easement by prescription is acquired if the property has been used by the public for a period of ten years in an open, continuous and notorious manner adverse to the ownership rights of the person holding the fee simple title.

The proposed amendments provide:

1. Any public easements heretofore created and that are reasonably necessary for access to and the full use and enjoyment of the State-owned beaches are vested in the State and under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Commission. *give up something - limit to paths -*
2. The Commission is empowered to bring legal proceedings where necessary to establish that such easements have in fact been created.
3. A simple procedure is provided whereby either the landowner or the Commission may litigate the existence of the easement.
4. In accordance with common law principles the burden of proving the existence of any such easement is placed upon the Highway Commission.

5. If the landowner prevails, he will be reimbursed for his expenses including attorney fees.

? may sound fair but just another guise of state treasury

6. The amendments specifically provide that by enactment of this bill the Legislature is not creating any presumptions regarding the existence of the easements. It is my belief this is a judicial question and not legislative. We are merely trying to provide an orderly procedure for ascertaining those public rights that have already been created and not to create any new rights either for the State or for the property owner. Let me reemphasize the purpose of these amendments is to preserve the status quo.

7. The amendments further provide that no new easements may be created as a result of adverse use by the public occurring after the effective date of the act. The purpose of this provision is to prevent the necessity of landowners erecting structures in order to preserve their property rights and to encourage them to permit public use of their property.

II. Zoning

The amendments provide that no structure or improvement may be erected within the area that is 200 feet from the mean high tide or 7 feet above mean sea level (whichever is the lesser) without a permit from the State Highway Commission. The only exceptions are for those structures erected prior to May 1, 1967, or structures within city boundaries.

- Moved by Ambrose from state law

Created amendments

The purpose of exempting cities from the provisions of this act is that, in my opinion, this is a question for the cities to determine themselves and not for the Legislature. I do not feel the Legislature should pass judgment on property that is currently taxed and zoned by the cities.

The suggested amendments would also provide that property that is under a public easement would not be subject to ad valorem taxation.

The gist of these amendments is:

1. to insure as much of Oregon's coast line for public use as possible;
2. to discourage the necessity of putting up barriers or obstacles by private landowners to prevent public use; indeed, to encourage landowners to permit public use;
3. to suggest to the Highway Commission that future use of those private-owned beach lands can be insured by common law condemnation proceedings;
4. to preserve that property which belongs to the public and to preserve that property which belongs to the landowners.

Votes on HB 1601 to date, May 10/67

- April 6 Amended & Recommended Prtd. Engrossed: (motion by Smith)
In Favor: Elder, Howard, Leiken, McKenzie, Smith
Turner and Bazett
Opposed: Anunsen & Meek
(Hanneman & Holmstrom not present for vote)
- April 18 Table & Put in Interim Committee (motion by Hanneman)
In Favor: Anunsen, Elder, Hanneman, McKenzie & Turner
Opposed: Holmstrom, Howard, Leiken, Meek, Smith &
Bazett
(On this motion Leiken originally voted "Aye"
& the motion was carried--he then changed his
vote to "No")
- April 18 Do Pass (motion by Howard)
In Favor: Howard, Meek, Smith and Bazett
Opposed: Anunsen, Elder, Hanneman, Holmstrom, Leiken,
McKenzie & Turner
- May 2 Do Pass (motion by Howard)
In Favor: Howard, Meek & Bazett
Opposed: Anunsen, Hanneman, Holmstrom, Leiken & McKenzie
(Elder, Smith & Turner not present for vote)

May 10, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall
Governor of the State of Oregon
State Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

Dear Sir;

When I visited the capitol with the Roseburg High teenage Republicans, I became interested in the Beach Access Bill that you were discussing with us at lunch. I appreciate it very much if you would send me a short statement of your exact opinion of the bill as I plan to write an oratory on the subject. Also, I am interested in any general information that you may have on the bill. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,

Marilyn Curtis

1135 N.E. Beulah
Roseburg, Oregon
97470

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