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May 2 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall Governor of the State of Oregon Salem Ore

Dear Sir,

If you wish to go down in history along with a former great governor of our glorious state, Oswald West, get behind HB1601 and see it passed.

Very truly yours

WJC/cn

W J Curtis

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Box 268 B Route 1 Forest Grove, Oregon 97116 May 2, 1967

Dear Gov. Tom McCall,

I just heard of the prospect that the beach access (dry sand part) at Cannon and the other beaches will be closed off to the public (leaving them only the wet sand part) for the benefit of private interests.

I have not had time to look into the matter fully (will do so immediately) but this is a shocking and preposterous desertion of the public interest and the bill before the legislature that will correct the situation and maintain the rights of public domain in the publicly used (for many years) parts of those beaches and the sands, wet and dry, of which they consist, needs pushing.

Oregon is a hospitable and a gracious State (incidentally with a fine governor) (my typewriter is falling apart --- I am sorry!) but mistakes of this sort can change that! Let us not lose the rights of ourselves and our children to come to enjoy this part of Nature's Bounty!

Please use your influence to help prevent a tragic mistake!

Sincerely, NW Kengefer The second

Røbert W. Rempfer (college professør)



TOM McCALL Governor OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR STATE CAPITOL SALEM 97310

May 4, 1967

Honorable Sidney Bazett, Chairman House Highways Committee House of Representatives State Capitol Salem, Oregon

Dear Sid:

I was deeply disturbed to learn of your committee's action yesterday on House Bill 1601. We cannot afford to ignore our responsibilities to the public of this state for protecting the dry sands from the encroachment of crass commercialism. I strongly urge that your committee reconsider House Bill 1601 and recommend it to the floor with a do-pass.

It is my understanding that following several public hearings on this bill, it was drastically amended for the purpose of removing those sections objectionable to the majority of the committee members. It is my opinion that Engrossed House Bill 1601 represents nothing more than a reaffirmation of previous legislative policy of long standing, with additional authority granted the Highway Commission to protect whatever public rights to the non-public sections of the beach which might have been developed over the years.

The bill has been misrepresented as a land grab by the state of usurpation of private property owners' inherent rights. Nothing could be further from the truth. Should the public have by long use developed some legal rights to the dry sand portions of the beach, the validity of such rights must obviously be determined in a court of law on an individual basis. The bill merely authorizes the Highway Commission to protect for the <u>public</u> whatever rights may have been evolved.

As a state, we have been most proud of our traditional concern for public beaches. Oregon is recognized throughout the nation as one of the few far-sighted states with the vision to preserve their beaches for public use. There is no doubt in my mind that, with the expected rapid development of the Oregon coast, our favorable public beach position may soon be threatened. House Bill 1601 is a reasonable tool to combat such future threats. While it is true that there are technical complexities associated with the problem and that there is a need for additional study of this subject, I firmly believe that the passage of Engrossed House Bill 1601 as an interim protective measure is in the best interests of our citizens.

Tom

Sincerely,

Governor

TM:sc cc: Glen Jackson Forrest Cooper Governor Tom McCall Capitol Building Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

The name of Governor Os West has been revered by Oregonians for years, because we thought that he had assured the perpetual usage of Oregon Beaches to the citizens of Oregon. Now we find that we've been living in a Fools Paradise and that this right can be wiped out by failure to pass corrective legislation during this session of the Legislature.

Won't you please aquaint the puplic of this threat by announcments through the news media and urge reconsideration of HB 1601 by the State Highways Commission.

Don't let Os West and the people of Oregon down. Block this loss now.

Respectfully, Vana

Rod S. Davis 12904 N. E. Pacific Street, Portland, Oregon. 97230

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May 4, 1967 Dear Dor, Tom McCall, Thank you for trying to help save bill H131601. althemp it is sad to realize that a few people want to ruin Gor. Oswald West's wonlerful work of saving aregon's heartes Thank you again and keep up the fight. Sincerely, Mrs. D. R. Benduques

2109 S Burkhart Albany, Oregon May 4, 1967

Governor Tom McCall Salem, Oregon Dear Str:-

Oregon beaches are as precious as it's water, and must be protected as a public domain.

California has lost a heritage to millions, an attraction fenced off to the tourists. Keep our beaches public and Oregon Will have an attonal tourist attraction for generations to come, that will be priceless.

Governor West had the foresight of its value, now it's up to you to insure its public use.

Save Oregons beaches for the public.

Sincerely Helen G. Williams

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GEO. E. HANNON P. O. BOX 198 FAIRVIEW, ORE. 97024

May 4, 1967

Sov. Tom MCall Salen, Onegon

Please - for heavens sake Don't let Sov. Oswald West's dream of public beaches for all the people" go down the drain just to satisfy the greed of a few. Our State is nationally known for its beauty & its concern for its people & Its quests. Let's save this for future generations as well as our own enjoyment. If there is anything I can do to assist you in protecting our natural resources, be they land, sea, or air I will gladly contribute as much as possible to help stop, the greedy few.

Sincerely yours

Geo, E. Hannon P.O. Box 198

Fairview, Ovegon

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Rt I B. x 2589 Florence, Che 97439 may-4, 1967-Dear Jovernor mc Call, Keep up the good work in preserving our Sea Shore. Whendythere are rumora of high time Beach. Apartments in this area / Please save the Beaches for us all. I we could get motor bikes & cars of the Beach we could enjoy taking Children down there - you see in live at Heceta Beach - four mi Month of & lorence. Thanks for you efforts: Mus Frank Q. Townsend.

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May 1, 1967

Governor Thomas McCall State House Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

We sincerely hope that you will do all in your power to keep the Oregon beaches for the public.

The Oregon Coast is one of Oregon's most beautiful features. The freedom and easy access to the beaches appeals to everyone. We appreciate the efforts you have already made.

Yours Sincerely,

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may 4, 1967 Hovemer Tom Lawson M Call State Capital Blag. Salem, Oregon Kear Sovemor M'Call, Iran writing this letter to plead with you to do all that is within your power to save our Overon Beacher. I have goon up in Oregon always thinking that The beautiful Oregon Beaches strom the Ocean side to The Negetation line or natural erosion bank belonged to all of the people of Oregon. If you can save our beaches Mon shall forers remain in The hearts of the people of Oregon. you will be well remembered by my children and there children and forer more. Allase! Sincerely your, and? Mys Frank T. Chase

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lion Sir . One of my grandson's greatest joy in visiting " grandma's in Osegon is a tryp & the beach -Let' keep them as they are, An a taypager and a member of the g.o. P. I expect a response to om pless,

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

Subject: Dry Beach Sand Controversy

Dear Governor McCall:

This matter came as quite a shock to those of us that have used the beach area for a number of years. We have been beach property owners and beach users for a number of years. Our home is in Portland, but we have a cabin at the beach.

Unrestricted use of the Oregon beaches is one of the many bonus features of living in Oregon that we would like to see continued, as I am sure was the intent of the Legislature when this bill was first passed many years ago. In contrast to the privileges we have, are the private ownership of beaches in California. Perhaps this is a strange thing to say, but this is one of the reasons we moved back to Oregon from California after living in the Bay area for four years. Also, I am sure the very beautiful and public beaches in Oregon are more than a little factor in the tourist trade that comes to our State. In the summer at Cannon Beach well over half of the automobiles in the town at any one time are from California and Washington, which must attest to some degree of popularity.

The use of the Dry Sands area is something that has been traditional in the State and perhaps I am like many people who have not read the actual wording of the original bill on this subject, but if the owners of beach front property are allowed to restrict the use of the Dry Sands area and put fences around their areas as one motel owner did in Cannon Beach, the use of the beaches would be considerably restricted. Incidentally, we were one of the many people that were incensed at the motel operator in Cannon Beach that did fence off his beach area. With the Dry Sands area fenced off as it might be in the future if this bill does not pass in order to clear up the misunderstanding, it would virtually be impossible to even find driftwood to have a beach fire and also what kind of a picnic can a family have on the hard sand?

Governor Tom McCall

May 5, 1967

High tides in the winter time are, of course, responsible for producing the Dry Sands area available in the summer time. I hope you will do everything possible to correct this apparent misunderstanding by those not familiar with the tradition of this State.

Respectfully yours,

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Harry Dozier 3238 N. E. Bryce Portland, Oregon 97212

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May 5,1967

Governor Tom McCall. Salen ^Oregon

Dear Governor:

Nothing in recent years has angered me so much as the effort of the Real Estate lobby with its influence on the Highway ^Committee to try and steal the right of the public to the beaches of Oregon.

I was raised in Connecticut and know what happened in the East and was proug a relatively new Oregonian that people in this state had the foresignt to protect the public interest.

Who does the the representatives of this committee represent? Their constituents, all of them, or part or them, the real estate interests and their lobby? Or the gameral public and the public welfare?

Thank God this maneuver was brought into the light of day and exposed.

I know you have asked that this bill be brought out of committee so that all the representatives of the people have the opportunity to act.

245 SE Pine St

Beaverton, Oregon

Rey St. MM

Arthur G Christensen

5426 S.E. 45th Portland, Oregon 5 May, 1967

Governor McCall Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall,

As an Oregonian since 1954, I have been delighted with the long stretches of beaches available for walking without ever coming to a "NO TRESPASSING" sign. Please don't let this freedom be compromised! The only obstruction north-south should be high cliffs and the sea.

'As a former easterner, I am well aware of the blemish of private enterprise and ownership along the New Jersey and New England coasts. Please don't let this happen here.

Protect us into the dry sand above high tides for our future walks and fun!

Sincerely yours,

Welen A. Stafford

Helen A. Stafford Professor Biology Reed College

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5 May 1967

Gov. Tom McCall, State House, Salem, Oregon

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Dear Gov. McCall:

I was very pleased to learn that you have sought to renew efforts to stop the "give-away" of <u>our</u> public beaches.

I know I convey the attitude of many Oregonians when I write that HB 1601 is essential and in the spirit of former Gov. West.

I have written letters to Speaker F.F. Montgomery and Sidney Bazett, Chairman of the Highway Committee, expressing my feelings on the matter.

Please do what you can to save Our Public beaches!

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James T. Covert Asst. Professor

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CORVALLIS, OREGON 97331

Reply to: DEPARTMENT OF ART

5 may 1967

Aleon Journor mccoll: We are very pleased with your stand on the Beach Bill HB1601 and I would like tonemourge you to continue your insistent call for the preservation of lands which someday the people will thank your for. It tokes courage to hold out for some Things; we think that you are displaying that quality !

Smienely yours, Rulson Sandyren Prof. og art OSZI.

MAY 8 - 1987

2323. 8.9V. 19 ane. Postland, Oregon 47201 May 5, 1967 Honorable Governor M' Call, Salem, Oregon Dear Governor Som, tirst, even though belatedly, fextend our hearteest congratulations upon your veteran - like administration of your high office. Second - Most people agree that the Sublic is entitled to every legitimate pleasure our beaches offer; our concernes that the proposed legislation does not offer any control of the insate able determination of so many who are not satisfied unless they, in their degging, thoughtlessly (of course) undermine our 100-ft high bank at its variaus elevations to make for themselves some sort of "hide-out" or "fox-hole" any low giving the Public the greatest privilege on our beaches should equally protect the owner from this constant erosion. (you should see some of the banks in our area (2417 M. Inlet anenue) of this possible tragedy in any law presented for your signature! MAY 8 - 1967 Sincerely has Verma Walker

Walker being a nather common name, A having now been retered for nearly ten years, should identify myself as the originator and operator of the northwestern Achoalaf Commerce for thirty-six years also the builder of four homes in the onen of the Dorchester House as well as the House" itself. CAN.

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May 5, 1967

Honorable Paul Hanneman House of Representatives Salem, Oregon

Dear Paul:

I appreciate your writing me concerning House Hill 1601 and I am enclosing my letter to Representative Bazett on the subject.

Naturally you feel your position is correct--but I am equally confident that mine is both right and very much in the public interest. I do hope that the committee gets the bill to the floor even if it comes out with no recommendation. The question involved is dear to the hearts of nearly every Oregonian and the issue must be resolved in a manner that furthers the traditional Oregon concept of public ownership of the beaches.

Sincerely,

Governor

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STATE OF OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SALEM

May 5, 1967

Honorable Tom McCall Governor State Capitol Salem, Oregon

Dear Tom:

Although House Bill 1601 has been amended to remove some specific language, its essential function is to provide that the State Highway Commission be empowered to bring suit against beach-front property owners where prescription rights are thought to exist. As a member of the House Highway Committee, my objections are outlined below.

(1) The bill allows for no compensation to property owners who had originally been issued a title to their land by title insurance, and who have been paying taxes on that land.

(2) The natural vegetation line is not definable in many areas.

(3) Oregon has about 320 miles of coastline. Anost half of those miles are in permanent public ownership and are reserved for permanent public use. Only about 150 miles are in private ownership, and this remainder is decreasing. In my opinion, no other state in the nation has offered such a large proportion of its beach frontage for public use. The trend is clearly toward increased public ownership.

(4) The state has embarked upon a program of providing beach access points spaced on the average of 3 miles apart along the coast. Although the program is removing more of the remaining private frontage from the tax rolls, it will insure that scarcely a foot of sand will be excluded from public access.

(5) Because many beach frontage areas are unstable, sandy, and eroding areas, and because of vacation use only by many ocean-front owners, it is impossible for the owners to prevent public usage of their property. Hence the Highway Commission could claim widespread prescription rights. HB 1601 promotes the concept of prescription of this type of property without compensation.

This matter should be studied by a Highway Interim Committee. The concept in HB 1601 has not had previous study by the elected representatives of the people of Oregon.

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Paul Hanneman

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PAH/s

cc Glen Jackson Forrest Cooper



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> ROBERT W. STRAUB State Treasurer

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Sid -

State Capitol

Salem, Oregon

There already has been a flow of telegrams and phone calls to me this morning from people alarmed about the turndown of HB 1601.

I thought maybe a meeting like this might encourage Monte to realize the keen public interest and support for HB 1601.

If you have scheduled a re-hearing, my thought would be that we could come down and urge approval of the bill. If you have not yet decided to re-open this issue, we would come down and request that your Committee reconsider its action on the bill with another hearing.

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FROM THE DESK OF REPRESENTATIVE SIDNEY BAZETT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Home Address: P. O. Box 126 Grants Pass, Oregon 97526

5/5-Ron -Letters and wires representing over 4, 288 people are in favor of HB 1601 - 70 in opposition. dan't know how many additional to other Human members _ sparently quite a number, Sid

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HOME ADDRESS DALE HARLAN 11717 S. E. LINWOOD AVE MILWAUKIE, OREGON



COMMITTEES Member: Financial Affairs Judiciary

STATE OF OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SALEM

May 5, 1967

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

Dear Tom:

I want to commend you for your leadership in coming out and urging approval of HB 1601 to preserve the public's rights to access to Oregon beaches. I think this timely and forceful type of leadership will be much appreciated by Oregonians on this issue and on the other issues where you have urged action.

Best regards,

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Dale M. Harlan, State Representative

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May 5, 1967

Dear Governor McCall,

Re: HB 1601

After much consideration of the intent and dangerous precedente of this bill, I truly find it hard to realize this is being discussed in the United States of America and not a revolutionbound nation.

The legislators are failing in their duty to slough off to the voters an idea they know themselves to be contrary to all personal property rights. To let this be done by emotional vote (and it would be most popular as a something for nothing) and placed in effect by sheer majority of number of the masses smacks of the clamoring revolutionists in other nations who call for "TKKE" from the private owner and GIVE to the masses. What would be next? Your yard, my yard, any scenic drive, etc. What's the difference in the principle? Have you considered the huge amounts of coastal (dry) land which is already in governmental hands and, incidentally, off the tax rolls? In Tillamook County alone, 50% of the whole coast line in this county is in public parks (city, county or state). And please consider, 82% of ALL the county is government owned and OFF the tax rolls. How would, say, Multnomah County residents react to bearing the tax burden if they were just 18% total?

There are areas where people are fighting a losing battle to establish businesses to serve the public thereby making a living AND paying state and federal as well as county taxes. The reason for this is that they absolutely cannot compete with the cheap price of state accommodations allowed at the taxpayer's expense. The public is obsessed with free, free(?) apparently never stopping to think how they pay in taxes for accommodations they are finding impossible to get now in the state parks. The space is taken by out of state people before they can get there on Friday p.m. Please let me state now that I am not in business on the coast nor do I plan to be. I am interested in fair play, common sense and a more just wisdom in controls which will not allow democracy to be misinterpreted as sheer emotional majority of the masses.

The eastern seaboard being older has gone through this period and wisely chose the American free enterprise system while yet allowing public space for adequate DAY USE which I heartedly approve of for Oregon coastal parks. Camping is for mountainous areas. The comfort-laden parks for those at the coast are not "camping" and the taxpayer is fast realizing this. Ask Mama if she wouldn't rather stay in a motel (with a restaurant close by) if you were taking a vacation at the coast?

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I can't help but feel that you too, Governor McGall, are interested primarily in the ultimate growth and good of Oregon. As human beings we know that much we must do for the best may not always be the most popular route of the moment.

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I do have faith in you as a human being as well as a governor of the state I am so proud to live in. May it always be so.

If we don't do the just thing in the little towns, counties and states, what chance is there for a just America?

Thank you very much for your courtesy in reading this letter. Frankly, I've not written a letter to my legislator before but then I've not lived through such times before either.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marcella Mehl 11870 S. W. Parkway Portland, Oregon 97225

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May 5, 1967

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

My dear Governor:

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Eight years ago I purchased Block 33, Beach Park Addition, Newport, on which I have built an expensive home.

Unless I had been able to buy the 1.30 acres lying between Block 33 and the sea, I wouldnot have located in Oregon, but would have gone to the other location.

I was aware that this 'sand shelf' would make my property an investment on which I could make a profit, should at any time I decided to sell. At that time the other location didnot offer this advantage.

I purchased this land in good faith, and both my deed and title insurance reads, "to the mean high tide." I have paid taxes on this property, part of which is now on the beach, (due to weather, but mostly due to diggers and people) yet my taxed land has remained the same.

I am able to write pages on the abuse one is forced to suffer from the "people who think they own this property." However, I will venture to say, should I go to their property and do the same things, I would either be shot at or put in jail.

This last winter a 'digger', practically at my back door, was the cause of ten feet of garden falling down. This is more than 200 feet from the mean high tide, yet, he said it was property which belonged to the poeple of Oregon.

Two years ago a beach fire was left burning, and it got into the vegetation, and out of control. It took a night and a day to control it, the fire-fighters said, had it not been controlled it would have taken everything from Big Creek to the harbor. The smoke was so thick one could hardly see. Our house, as did the others, smelled of this smoke for a month. KARL M. ROTTLUFF, M. D. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON P. O. BOX 1415 NEWPORT, OREGON TELEPHONE 265-2643

The Honorable Tom McCall, Governor of the State of Oregon

May 5, 1967 page 2

If you take my property it will completely de-valuate my home as oceanfrontage, and mean a large financial loss to me. And it seems to me, the least I can expect, from the State of Oregon is full conpensation for the entire cost of my property at this location. For which I have all the bills.

Please, sir, may I ask - - - - is this the type of treatment that is both legal and constitutional in the State of Oregon?

Yours very truly, full

Karl M. Rottluff, M.D.

cc:

The Honorable F. F. Montgomery Speaker of the House

The Honorable W. S. Ouderkirk Representative 8th District

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May 5, 1967

Governor Thomas McCall State Capitol Building Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

I feel that HB1601 must be passed to protect the natural recreation resources of our beaches for the individual.

If persons wealthy enough to own frontage are allowed to fence off the beach, soon the beauty of our beaches will be ruined. The majority of people will lose an enormous recreation area.

Please list me as a citizen in favor of HB1601. Thank you.

Yours truly,

NATIONAL APPLIANCE COMPANY

Verlin R. Sheldon Production Manager

MAY 8 - 1867

VRS/bb

3405 S.W. 10th ave. Portland Oregon 97201 5/5/67 Jom Mc Call Covernor, State of Oregon State Capital Building Salem, Oregon Dear Governor Mc Call, an important bill has recently been vetoed in committee because of a strong real estate lobby It is Bill 1601 (Preservation of Public access to Oregon Coast Beacher). I strongly protest the action of the committee and arge the presentation of it to the House with your support. Sincerely, Mile Huntington

MAY S - 1067

PHIL SMITH, SALES MANAGER To Us Everybody is Somebody" PHONE 563-3866 PAT BALL, BROKER MYRON BREWER - APPRAISER TELEPHONE 563-4461 PHONE 563-2733 ARDA BALL - BUILDER OFFICE TELEPHONE 563-4461 PHONE 563-3741 WALDPORT, OREGON MOTELS CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES RESIDENCES COAST PROPERTIES

Waldport, Oregon May 5, 1967

Honorable Tom McCall Governor, State of Oregon Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall;

House Bill #1601, if passed, would be a legislated license to steal by the State of Oregon. House Bill #1601 serves no purpose but to remove the right of a landowner to have full use of his legally deeded property. The easement provided for in House Bill #1601 would even prevent a landowner from protecting his property from erosion by ripraping with rock, building sand fences, or other means. Most beach properties are continually erroding, which contributes to the build-up of dry sand areas. The easement would virtually render the beach portion of private property, useless to the owner, and in some cases it would create public use of private property right up to a mans doorstep, for some homes are constructed right on the beach. Many property owners would lose the use of more than half their deeded lot. Current value of Ocean front property is between \$100 and \$150 per ocean front foot.

If the State of Oregon needs control of the dry sand area, let it buy the property through outright purchase or condemnation. Property owners should not be required to pay taxes on property which the State has placed an arbitrary public easement, such as that contained in House Bill #1601.

Reports have cited only one property owner in nearly 400 miles of Oregon ocean frontage that has attempted to exclude the public from his beach frontage. For most property owners, it is not practical to try to seclude their properties by building fences, etc., that will be destroyed by waves and wind every winter. Many beaches have a bluffline that separate the beach area and the homes adjacent, and even though some property lines extend down onto the beach, most owners do not try to prevent public use. Exceptions are when the public builds unsafe fires in the driftwood, litter the area with cans, trash and beer bottles, and hold motorcycle or car races on the sand. The State of Oregon does not attempt to police the beaches and responsibility is usually assumed by the property owners. Concern for the public right to use the dry sand area by individuals and the State Highway Department, is touching, and if sincere, the assertion that the public has a right to use the area should be backed up with legal action against the Cannon Beach motel owner instead of an attempt to intimidate all of the ocean front property owners in Oregon. The truth of the matter is that there is no need for House Bill #1601, and if there was a need the State should buy the land instead of trying to steal it by virtue of an easement.

House Bill #1601 is one of the most cleverly devised "Land Grabs" ever to be presentated before a Legislative Committee, and if the bill passes into law, the State Highway Department will have acquired the use of, withowt giving compensation to the legal owner, about 20% of all the ocean beach area in the State of Oregon. Affected properties have a value in the many millions of dollars.

It is frightening to think that a State Government would even consider such action, because there would be no reason to stop with ocean front property. If the State Government can pass House Bill #1601, it can declare an easement for public use over virtually every property in Oregon. For example, practically all river and lake frontages have been used by fishermen and hunters enough to qualify as, "public use". It would be logical to declare an easement for public use over the fronting portion of each property bordering on a lake or stream in Oregon. Other properties used frequently or infrequently by the public could be treated the same way.

Oregon is not yet a police State, let us preserve the diminishing right to own property without harassment from State Government. I urge you as Governor of the State of Oregon, not only to withdraw your support of House Bill #1601, but to openly oppose the bill.

Respectfully Patrick E. Ball

Patrick E. Ball Broker, Ball Realty Former Mayor, City of Waldport

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Mrs. Geo. D. Watson 5228 S. E. 43rd Ave. Portland 6, Oregon 97206

May 5, 1967 Portland,Oregon

Gov. Tom McCall.

Dear sir;

This morning in the Oregonian 1 noticed an article about the beach, I hope I read it wrong, do you mean that you are in favor of the beaches being like the ones in California where property owners have fenced the beach down theto the water line, why after all these years that we have enjoyed the use of all the beaches this should come up? We all can't afford to buy coast property and there are thousands like myself that enjoy going to the coast, if one property owner fences his place all will follow suit. If this is what is happening you had better put this in large print in the Oregonian so other people can see what is happeninghere and not wait until all the fences are up and we are locked, out. An this day and age we are told everything is done to make things better for all, with shorter working hours we can enjoy more but this if so will not seem like it to me.

I do hope you will read this and not your office help sending me an office form letter, And as a second thought being a Republican I voted for you hope I won't he sorry.

Mincerely Makel Watson

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May 5, 1967

Honorable Tom Lawson McCall Governor of the State of Oregon Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

It was my privilege to sit in on the Hearing of HB 1601 on Tuesday last. I was amazed at the testimony given in favor of the bill. I was also amazed at the 5 to 3 vote of the Committee.

Nothing has really been written or said that clearly defines what part of the ocean front rightfully belongs to the public. Even with this discrepancy, I should like you to know that I support the right of the public to the ocean front in the State of Oregon.

It is my feeling that the State has a bigger job than it has been willing to take care of. To keep that many miles of frontage clean and safe is a preponderant task. Everyone of us in this State ownership should share in the responsibility of tidying up the place. Therefore the regulations need to be written to get on with that job.

The secong thing that needs to be done simultaneously with the first, is to police the area in such a manner that the private owner's property abutting this area is adequately protected. In the high bank area, such as the Lincoln City frontage, the casual visitors dig out the banks, write their names, and generally cause faster than normal erosion. It is my feeling that these banks do not belong to the public. There should be protective measures taken to prevent this destruction, and intrusion.

I cannot, under any circumstances, agree with further public easements. Let the Legislature be about the business of defining what it feels is properly State property. If there are differences noted, arrange to compensate the present tax paying owner, and then agree to protect him with adequate policing.

Wm. J. Miller 11021 N. E. Thompson Portland, Oregon 97220

1135 N.E. 21th Brtlind Oregon may 5, 1867 Dear Sir; as constant users of the Oregon Beaches we feel the rights of everyone should be protected by appasing Sensing of any grit. The are against A.B. #-1601. Dive it its due consideration. Seweirely, Fored & Julia' Schoenheit hiti - Cant

2709 S Burkhart Albany, Oregon Governor Tom McCall. May 4, 1967 Salar Salem, Oregon Dear Sir:-Oregon beaches are as precious as it's water and must be protected for the generations to come. California has lost a heritage belonging to millions, by fending off the beaches to the public. Public lands are priceless to Oregon's future, Protect Governor Wests fore-sight, insure Oregon's coastal beaches for the public. It's up to you! Sincerely Mre Bala M. Engav. 987 G. - 1997

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The Honorable Tom McCall Capitol Building Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Governor:

Please accept our sincere Thanks for the action you have taken concerning HB 1601. It was indeed disheartening to note the action taken by the House Highway Committee since we felt that the average citizen of Ougon had no idea of what was fourer being lost for him. Your stand can only represent to the general public, a true act of "Good Hovernment"

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Best regards, Mrs. John Hoffman

Nr. John W. Hoffman

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Governor Tom McCall State Capitol Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor:

I wish to concur with you in regards to the Beach Bill.

Keep up the good work. I am with you 100%.

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Thanking you in advance, I remain

Very truly yours, Mike MD: POW

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759 E. Jackson St. Hillsboro, Ore. 97123 May 5, 1967

The Hon. Tom McCall State Capitol Salem, Ore. 97301

Dear Sir:

It was with great satisfaction that we saw in today's Oregonion that you are lending your support to reopening hearing on HB 1601. We are hopeful that something can be done to assure the beauty of our beaches will be safe, not only for us but for the future.

We love the coast and we thoroughly enjoy talking to tourists who have nothing but praise for our beaches. Oregon has spent thousands of dollars to publicize the attractions it has to offer, particularly the beauty of the weaches, and all the brochures contain fine, colored shots of the miles of sandy areas, including Cannon Beach. What a shock if they should come here and see barricades, fences, and in time, even unsightly stands.

We cannot all own beach-front property. Particularly when so many corporations come here and erect huge motels, there is not even much available anymore. But once the beaut \widehat{fy} of the beaches is gone, it is lost forever for all of us.

Surely in an enlightened society mere teachnicalities should not defeat measures which would preserve our natural beauty. So much of it is gone in other areas. If the bill is tabled or defeated this year, it is easy to imagine what could happen before another legislative session.

With the best of good wishes for your leadership and to you personally, and thank you for your time,

Lours very truly, Poice Bartrop

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933 North 34th Street Corvallis, Oregon 97330 May 5, 1967

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

My dear Governor:

I can't agree with you too much that the passage of HB 1601 is imperative.

Also, I feel that the public should come first over a few individuals in matters relating to new parks and recreation areas. In this area our state has a lot to offer. If we act now we can set aside areas that can never be obtained at a later date.

Sincerely, iprud

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May 5, 1967

Governor Tem McCall Salem Oregon:

Dear Sir:

This letter is to thank you for your action regarding HB 1601. My husband and I feel very strongly you will find more support than you realize at the proverbial "grass roots" for saving Oregon's beaches for the public. I wish, somehow, we could convey to you in capsule form our many experiences in California which dramatized for us the tragedy of a state that borders the ocean and does not protect its heritage. Our personal plans include purchasing beach property in the not-too-distant future, but we could never, in good conscience, fail to give our whele-hearted endersement to any plan to reserve those precious few feet of beach for any American who desires to enjoy the sea unhampered by fences, signs and other relics of the commercialized society we now live in.

Sincerely,

Mrs. John & Turnbull Jr. Mrs. John L. Turnbull, Jr. 13215 SW Havencrest

Beaverton, Oregon 97005

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1802 \$ E 176 and Portland are. May 5, 1967 Hov. Tom Mc Call Capital Goldg. Salen, origon lear Govenor: Congratulations on your courageous battle to keep our Origon beaches open to The parblic, Ces a citicen who enjoyed these beaches I would like to say "Thank you" I am a democrat but have always believed in principal over party. you have just gained another vote in any puture election. Thanks again. Jours truly If beenoch P.S. I also wrote to F. F. Montgomeny in requards to bill H B 1601. 轻度 登上 閉閉

220 N.W. 20th Place Portland, Oregon, 97209 May 5, 1967

Mr Thomas M'Call, Governor State of Osegon Salen, Origen

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Dear Sin, I wish To express my concer over The possibility that we, the residents of dregon, may lase the file access to the dregon coastline beaches. I understand loopholes have developed m The original law and cornerty wish To have them "patched up" as soon as possible. If there is anything I can do, I am

you Sevant Henry M. Jones

PO Box A Jolovana Parkaro 9714 gov, Jon Me Call 515767 Bolen Oregon Dear governer : We appland your concern that NB 1601 was pilled in committee by precial interest pressure. Oregon leagues are now especially attractives to tourists here are they have been open. We triow you will do all you can to preserve this deritage of public access which too many y us have come to take for granted. We have been the rosult, a limited access in other States, east and mesh, and alegoon deserves and can have a better inness in the ries of tourists if we ach now to protectour beach areas, Respectfully Phyllisoud Christopert

Tilay 5 1967 8314 S. W. 4 " aug Porakand, arey. The Honorable Tom Mi Cell Governor of Oregon. flear Sir. We appreciate your support of House Bill 1601 and ask school you continue to work for its passage in energy way you can. yours truly. Man J. U. Gorman MAY 8 - 1987

8600 S. W. 170 Ave. Beaverton, Oregon May 5, 1967

Governor Tom McCall Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

I am very pleased to read that you are making an effort to save the Oregon beaches for the people of the state. We surely do not want the unsatisfactory mess here that they have in California.

Although the amended HB 1601 is perhaps too mild, it appears to be the best hope for the time being, to hold the line until something stronger can be worked out. We, the people of Oregon, wart eventually a strong measure that will unequivocably insure our access, right up to the vegetation line, of all beaches.

It appears likely that that is what the framers of the original 1913 measure meant. How would you define the "high water mark" except as the line of the highest water, to which the sea carries logs and kills vegetation? By any other definition, the line would be impossible to determine, as it would shift from day to day.

Perhaps a ruling by the attorney general would clarify the issue and hold the beaches for the people.

We are grateful for your expressed interest in this matter, and shall be still more grateful if you can devise some effective action.

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Yours very truly,

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Ocean Jark Wash, May 5, 1967 Mr Jon Mc Call Gov. Deavsir; Deavsir; I read your article about Beach preservation in morning Oregon. Nothing makes me Roheart Rick as the many proposes of Beach development for our wonderful sand clothed in wild flowers - wild straw berries with many birds nesteng and flying back & forth - a most joyable place to walk for miles, a wonderful place for our children to romp. play & build in the sund Dunes. If any one wants this Beach property commercialised and sold to private parthes Let them go to California and expect to injoy the Ocean Beaches - they will find high wire Jenses - posted private no trespassing most Sincerely 16164 8 - 1**941** Jeah N. Fitch Ocean Park Washington

May 5,1967 Dear Sir, The easiest way is to sit back and expect the best, however this doesn't seen to be acceptable any longer. Don't understand the legislative action on our beaches. I have lived in Oregon all my life and have thoroughly enjoyed our beaches now and to be allowed to walk on this beach only at low tide? I don't like special interests and I don't like this. Your stand is mine also. Den Schaeffer Mr. 8. 1951 Mc minnielle, Oregon

May 5, 1967 Portland, Ore.

Dovernor Tom MaCall Salem, Oregon Dear Dovernon McCall. Cell power to you on the Oregon beaches bill. Were for you one hundred per cent.

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Very sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Hertz 1315 8 W Chestmut L. Portland, Ore.

1925 S E 29th Ave Portland Ore. May 5th 1967

Hon. Govenor Thomas McCall State House Salem, Ore.

Dear Sir:

We are very much concerned with the situation on the Oregon Beaches and the bill H B 1601 or any other legislation which will protect the rights of the people to the use of the beaches as originally intended by Governor West.

We appreciate your interest and urge and hope you will entinue to do anything you can to help the people to continue to enjoy the beautiful beaches of Oregon.

We own property and are tax payers at one of the Tillamook Beaches. At the time we purchased our place we assumed the beaches were for the use of all tho our property is is near but not on the beach front. Now we are seeing fences going up everywhere and "No trespass"signs as well. Soon our only pleasure in owning a beach place will be to breath the air unless something is done soon.

Thanking you for any help you can give I am

Yours very truly CAWesturvelh

C. A. Westervelt 1925 S E 29th Ave Portland Ore 972-14 Kepublicsin

7330 SW 86th Portland, Oregon 5 May 67

Tom McCall, Governor, State of Oregon, Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. McCall:

I want to voice my strong concern and to urge your active support of the measure to preserve the Oregon beaches as public domain. HB No. 1601 must be drawn with all legal safeguards to ensure that the entire beach will be available to all citizens in perpetuity. To permit even limited closure of small or isolated segments of the Oregon coastline might establish sufficient precedent so that the beaches could be gradually transferred to private lands. To allow such a castastrophe to happen would throw an indelible blot on your administration and on our generation.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely, 5. Kelum, MD Robert E. Kellum, M. D.

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April 5, 1967

The Honorable Tom McCall Governor of Oregon Salem, Oregon

Dear Governor McCall:

The purpose of this letter is to commend you for your attempt to have the Legislature do something about protecting our right to the beaches. I believe that his is one of the most important things that the Legislature could do in this session. I highly support your action as do the majority of the people I have discusses this with.

Yours very truly,

am L. McKinney

1324 SE 76th Portland, ^Oregon

Mrs.-Palmer Schulz 8538 S, N. 34 Portland, Oregon

April 1967

Governor Tom CmCall State House, Salem, Oregon Your Honor,

Lets add the name of Tom McCall to Oswald West in our memory of thanks that we have a man to head our great state who has the interest of the common man in mind. To make it so that each man may take his children to the beach so that the child may walk where the salt spray stings his face in the wind....may watch the roll of the foaming white-cap edge along the top of the rushing wall of green water and thrill in awe to the thunderous, pulsing sound of the sea....the horror felt when the ebbing sucks the sand from under a small foot and only the warm clasp of a fathers hand brings relief. These are memories that belong to all Oregonians, not just a chosen few.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Orlmer schulz



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Mr. 3. H. Smith 1239 S. W. Morrison • Fortland; Oregon 57205

Dear Mr. Smith:

I pant you to know that I appendict the comments you sent to me about the brach bill. They have called a valuable element to the great discussion over the status and future of our beaches. I am pleased to have been a catalyst in this necessary democratic process which contributes server in to sounder legislation in every field. You may be sure that I will do everything in any power to see that the final result, submitted to the legislature for passage, will be this in every respect to all our citizens, those who only visit the beach as well as the property concers.

Thank you for ariting me.

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