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April 9, 2024

Representative Suzanne Bonamici  
2231 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bonamici,

The City of Bay City requests your support to uphold a critical funding source used to protect the lives of people here in Oregon, especially in the Northwest, which significantly affects the safety of our coastal community.

For decades we have relied on information provided by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) in our emergency preparedness activities, especially those focused on earthquakes and tsunamis. DOGAMI has developed technology for assessing and mitigating the hazard from a local tsunami originating on the Cascadia subduction zone, and their work with Oregon State University has become an international standard. DOGAMI has in turn relied on funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (NWS) National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP), which directs funds for state-led tsunami activities. Step-by-step, year-by-year we have been able to improve our understanding of risks, increase awareness, and better prepare residents and visitors alike for a local tsunami.

We are very concerned with the proposed NOAA 2025 FY budget, which represents a reduction of more than 76% of fiscal years 2023 and 2024 enacted levels. Such a reduction will cripple the system that we rely on to prepare our residents and visitors for a local tsunami.

Funding to the system should be at the bipartisan authorized appropriation level to keep pace with inflation and ensure there are no disruptions to the services that users rely on – so that we can reliably serve our citizens and keep coastal communities safe.

We urge you to make sure that these programs are adequately funded in any budget passed by Congress, which will allow states to keep their coastal communities – like Bay City – safe.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bay City and APPROVED by the Mayor of Bay City this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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Liane Welch, Mayor

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Senator Ron Wyden  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden,

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Senator Jeff Merkley  
531 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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