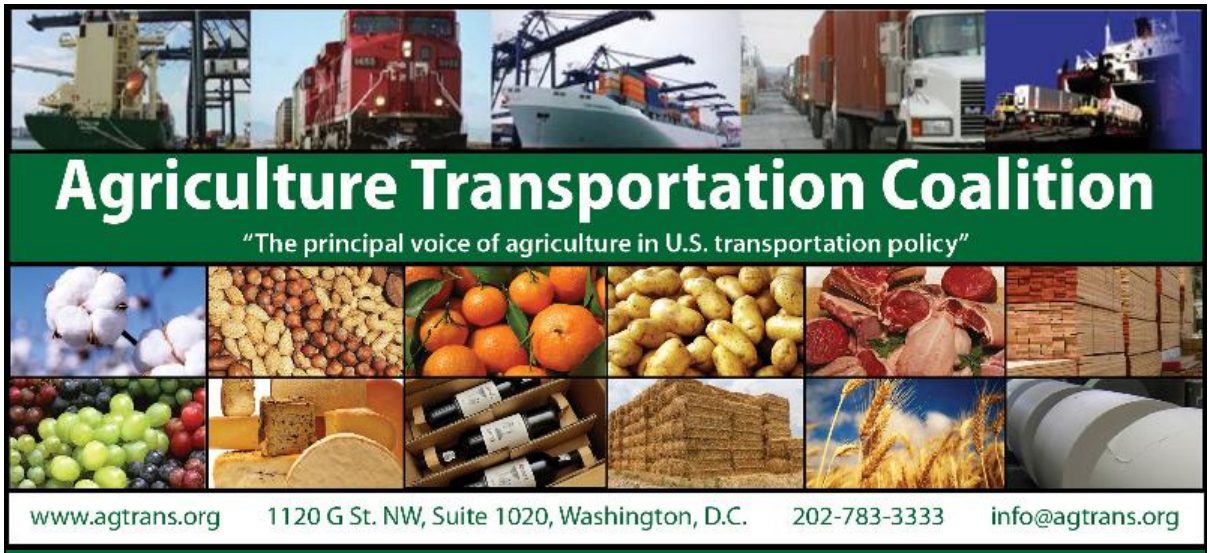

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Today 359 Oregon agriculture and forest products companies and organizations delivered a letter to the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

The slowdown and disruption of the West Coast ports, now in its 8th month, is having a devastating impact on Oregon farms, processors, and all related business which depend on a healthy Oregon agriculture sector. The injury is both immediate, with job losses already occurring, and permanent, as Oregon agriculture is losing its foothold in the global markets, as foreign customers are seeking and finding other sources of food, farm and fiber.

These 359 signatories, ranging from Oregon farmers, to Oregon Chambers of Commerce, Oregon agriculture associations ask the Oregon Congressional Delegation to step forward, to bring the ILWU and the Pacific Maritime Association to the table to resolve the dispute, to work with the President to get the west coast ports working again.

We appreciate the actions already taken by Congressmen Kurt Schrader and Greg Walden in the earlier Congressional letter to the negotiating parties, and ask the entire Oregon delegation to redouble efforts to find a way to get the West Coast ports operating again.

Congressional Delegations of Washington State and California will be receiving similar letters from hundreds of their constituents, in coming days.

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