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Jamie McLeod-Skinner Endorses Bold Infrastructure Plan

Creates jobs repairing Oregon's roads, schools and water systems; Prioritizes public investment over privatization

Bend, Ore.—Jamie McLeod-Skinner, the rural Democratic candidate running to represent Oregon's 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, has pledged to support a slate of principles calling for sweeping infrastructure legislation to create millions of jobs and repair the state's crumbling transportation systems, schools, and water systems. McLeod-Skinner is one of 150 elected officials and candidates in Oregon to endorse the ten guiding principles of the Millions of Jobs Coalition, a diverse group of grassroots activists, community organizations, and labor unions who have come together from across the nation to fight for a bold 21st century infrastructure plan. The plan calls on Congress to:

1. Invest in creating millions of new jobs.
2. Prioritize public investment over corporate giveaways and selling off public goods.
3. Ensure that direct public investment provides the overwhelming majority of the funds for infrastructure improvement.
4. Prioritize racial and gender equity, environmental justice, and worker protections.
5. Embrace 21st-century clean energy jobs.
6. Protect wages, expand Buy American provisions, encourage project labor agreements, and prioritize the needs of disadvantaged communities—both urban and rural.
7. Ensure the wealthiest Americans and giant corporations who reap the greatest economic benefit from public goods pay their fair share for key investments.
8. Ensure infrastructure investment does not come at the expense of Social Security and other vital programs.
9. Protect and strengthen existing rules and laws protecting our environment, worker safety, wages, or equitable hiring practices.
10. Prioritize resilient infrastructure that can withstand natural disasters and cyber or physical attacks.

"Safe roads, clean water systems, and railways that get our products to market need to be maintained and updated. And we must ensure we are bringing broadband to our rural communities for their healthcare, education, and economic development needs," said McLeod-Skinner. "Investing in infrastructure is vital to supporting private sector development and bringing good paying jobs to our district. I want to lead the fight in Congress for those projects."

McLeod-Skinner, who has a degrees in civil engineering (as well as degrees in regional planning and in law), has managed infrastructure projects and understands the connection between infrastructure and economic development. She has been an outspoken advocate of strengthening our national infrastructure, particularly in Central and Eastern Oregon.

With her endorsement, McLeod-Skinner aligns with four of Oregon's five congressional representatives—the single representative from the state who has not endorsed the coalition is her Republican opponent, Rep. Greg Walden. Walden recently became the only member of the Oregon

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congressional delegation to support the Republican second wave of tax cuts benefiting the wealthy and corporations. Tax Cut 2.0 is estimated to cost \$2.9 trillion in revenue over ten years, at the expense of investments that would create jobs, support public safety, and strengthen Oregon's economy.

"While Greg Walden continues to put more money in the pockets of his wealthy corporate contributors, Jamie McLeod-Skinner is ready to fight for real investments that will create jobs, fix our failing infrastructure, and help people in her district immediately," said David Shor, spokesperson for Working Families, a growing progressive organization that is a member of the coalition. "Voters have a clear choice this November: Jamie McLeod-Skinner."