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Dear Governor:

As I shovel mud and take wheelbarrow after wheelbarrow to the dumpster, I am reminded of your comments. I'll paraphrase *"As long as I can remember the Wilson River has come up and has gone down. This is nothing new. The media makes a much bigger deal of it than it really is. There is a price to pay for living next to the ocean or next to a river."* Thank you for those kind words.

We have paid a price. A large one. At Rosenbergs, we installed flood walls, extensive diking, and large diesel pumps to prevent the damage caused by the Wilson River coming up and going down. We were dry inside at 6:30pm Monday night. We had 3.5' of water outside our building, you could see out our windows into the water. Yet we were dry. Not until the water kept rising and breached our flood walls were we in danger of flooding. According to you, it is our fault. The water was 8 to 12 inches above the FEMA 500 year flood level. Now Ted, you haven't been around that long.

We will clean, repair, and reinforce our flood prevention system out of our own pockets. We will learn from this situation and improve our flood prevention system. We will survive and thrive in Tillamook.

GIVE US PERMISSION TO DREDGE!

Not studies. Not money. We will raise the money. Just permission. That is all we want.

Sincerely,

Loten Hooley

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