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Senator Ginny Burdick, Chair
Senate Finance and Revenue Committee
900 Court Street NE
Salem OR 97301


RE: **SENATE BILL 443**


Dear Senator Burdick:


We would like to take this opportunity to express our strong support for SB 443. Given the fiscal challenges the law enforcement community is facing, it is essential that access to these Forest Service funds for patrolling our County roads continues. The potential loss of the County's Safety Net funding, which would result in a 50% reduction of funds for the Sheriff's road patrol, makes passage of this bill critical for Douglas County.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important issue for county government.

Sincerely,


Joseph Laurance, Chair


Susan Morgan, Commissioner


Doug Robertson, Commissioner


John Hanlin, Sheriff

Cc: Dave Barrows, Senator Prozanski, Senator Verger, Senator Jeff Kruse,
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