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**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2011 10:05 AM  
**To:** Sen Whitsett; Rep Garrard; Rep McLane  
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**To:** Honorable Senators reviewing SB 189  
**From:** Dawnn Brown, Klamath County Tax Payer  
**Date:** March 28, 2011  
**Re:** Testimony Opposing SB 189

I am writing to OPPOSE SB 189 which "authorizes Klamath County to expend forest reserve moneys received from federal government for patrolling county roads."

I oppose this bill for several reasons:

1. I no longer trust the Klamath County Commissioners to spend any tax payer funds. They have made financial allocations to many items that the local voting citizens opposed and they went ahead anyway. They chose to spend millions of dollars building a new road shop when the old building was pretty much renovated to facilitate that department for another twenty years as recent as 2008. The Road Committee opposed this and several on that committee resigned because the Commissioners would not listen to their own advisory committee.
2. SB189 does not limit the amount that can be utilized from this account and even though it says it sunsets at 1/2/14 I do not trust what these commissioners can do with any additional funds during that 2.5 year time frame. And without strategic and fiscal planning I believe we will end up spending all the road funds money and still be in a deficit.
3. The same thing happened with the Klamath County Budget Committee when the commissioners moved to increase the budget by 25% even though indicators showed the economy was on the way down. The commissioners still chose to over spend and found themselves in a deficit situation that has put the community in the current position. These commissioners do not deserve a "bailout" because they lack the intelligence and foresight to reply to the citizen's request for a county strategic plan over the last five years. Now they want to "expand government" once again by supporting a tax levy measure on our May ballot to fund law enforcement because they were incompetent and derelict in their duties to govern and protect this county with planning. If they can't even verify their annual budget "beginning balances" and they have historically "comingled" funds, what makes you think they can handle these funds in a fashion acceptable to the voting citizens.
4. As a former Director of Tourism for Klamath County 2004 – 2009, I am aware of the inability of the Klamath County Accounting Department to provide a financial report when requested. The double talk and lack of transparency causes a very blatant lack of trust of the local government from the residents and voting tax payers of this County. I even had to bring possible legal action against the commissioners in 2008 for their lack of following their own written contractual procedures.

I understand the language of this opposition is strong but after watching these commissioners and dealing with them on a professional manner I cannot imagine them having "open access" to these

funds.

I respectfully ask that you vote NO on SB 189.

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