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The Honorable Ginny Burdick, Chair
Senate Finance and Revenue Committee
900 Court St. NE, Room 143
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Letter in Support of HB 3017

Dear Chair Burdick and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Clackamas County Business & Economic Development, I would like to share the reasons for our support of HB 3017.

We believe the program in its current form works very well as a business recruitment and expansion tool that offers an attractive incentive to traded sector businesses that provide well paying jobs with benefits and bring investment in our communities.

We recently completed a boundary expansion of the Milwaukie/North Clackamas Enterprise Zone bringing the City of Happy Valley's Rock Creek Employment Area into the district. Clackamas County serves as the Zone Manager for Enterprise Zones in the communities of Milwaukie, Sandy, Molalla, and Estacada.

Combined to date, these Enterprise Zones have provided tax abatements to 20 companies, retained 2,822 jobs, created 678 jobs, and spurred over \$66 million in investment.

Thank you for considering our testimony regarding support of HB3017. Please do not hesitate to contact our Government Affairs Manager, Troy Rayburn, if you have questions or need additional information. Troy is in Salem on a regular basis and would be happy to assist your office. His contact information is trayburn@co.clackamas.or.us or 503.593.8929.

Sincerely,

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cc: Troy Rayburn