

January 9, 2012

Governor Kitzhaber
160 State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

Dear Governor Kitzhaber:

On behalf of many professionals in the high-tech data center industry, we would like to voice our support of Representative Mike McLane's Facebook Bill. We understand that the economic incentive that the Enterprise Zone provided Facebook served as a primary factor for Facebook's decision to locate in Central Oregon.

As the project representative for the seller of the tract of land that Facebook ultimately purchased, I directly witnessed the impact that the Enterprise Zone had in providing an economic incentive to attract projects to Prineville. This site competed against many similar sites in Washington and Idaho. With such stiff inter-state competition, it is imperative to provide a data center friendly Enterprise Zone.

Currently, I am the project representative for Living Waters, which is another pending data center project in Prineville. This project will be a capital investment ranging from \$200 to \$400 million and will employ approximately 35 employees. The short-term stimulus will provide 100 to 200 construction jobs and will serve as a lifeline to the highest unemployment area in the state.

Prineville has an opportunity to develop as a thriving technology center, but this will never come to fruition if we don't maintain the Enterprise Zone as an incentive for these projects to locate in Prineville. Our success in attracting projects that provide critically needed job growth is dependent upon maintaining a data center friendly Enterprise Zone in Prineville.

In conclusion, we would like to ask you for your support of the Facebook bill, and legislation that would promote this industry.

Sincerely,

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cc:

Rep. Jules Bailey, District 42.
Rep. Mike McLane, District 55