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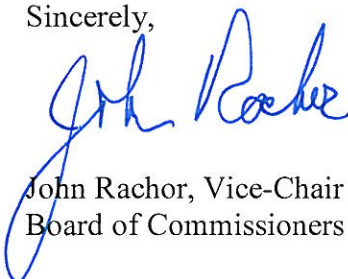
Dear Senators:

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners expresses our appreciation and support for the proposed Senate Joint Memorial 10. The leadership shown by sponsoring Senators Baertschiger, Beyer, Boquist, Close, Courtney, Ferrioli, George, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Knopp, Kruse, Olsen, Roblan, Starr, Steiner, Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters and Representatives Bentz, Cameron, Conger, Esquivel, Freeman, Gilliam, Gomberg, Hanna, Hicks, Huffman, Johnson, Kennemer, Komp, Kotek, Krieger, McKeowen, McLane, Olson, Parrish, Richardson, Sprenger, Thompson, Whisnant, Whitsett, and Witt should be recognized and commended.

Jackson County agrees with the Honorable Senators and Representatives who have co-sponsored this Joint Memorial in urging Congress to transfer management of Oregon and California Railroad grant lands to a newly established board of trustees consisting of representatives from local government, environmental organizations and timber industry. The sustainable sources of revenue derived from these revested grant lands, as recommended by this Memorial, will not only put Oregonians back to work by creating hundreds, if not thousands, of jobs across the State, but it will also be instrumental in increasing our local economy and helping preserve the future of our neighboring Counties.

Like most rural Oregon counties, Jackson County has struggled to maintain our economy, jobs, and our way of life. Leadership such as this will put Oregonians back to work and we urge you to support Senate Joint Memorial 10.

Sincerely,



John Rachor, Vice-Chair
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