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The Honorable Larry George
State Senator
900 Court Street NE, S-307
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Marion County Opposition to HB 2696

Dear Senator George:

Marion County is adamantly opposed to HB 2696 which forces a regional bypass through northern Marion County. The Marion County Board of Commissioners has consistently opposed the Coastal Parkway proposal as evidenced by three resolutions stating our concerns about the project. For your reference we have enclosed a copy of Resolution 06-5R that is signed by each member of the current Marion County Board of Commissioners.

We are troubled that there continue to be misrepresentations of Marion County's position regarding this project by representatives of Coastal Parkway, LLC. The Board of Commissioners has provided clear direction on the following points:

- The proposal violates guidelines and desires regarding farmland preservation and protection in the French Prairie area;
- There is no desire on the part of the Board of Commissioners to depart from the regionally approved Newberg-Dundee bypass planned by the Oregon Department of Transportation; and
- The Board of Commissioners has stated it will not be compelled to use the power of condemnation for the Coastal Parkway project and HB 2696 is a direct attempt to undermine local control.

We appreciate your support in defeating this measure. Please feel free to contact us if you need additional information or have any questions. We can be reached at (503) 588-5212 or by e-mail at commissioners@co.marion.or.us.

Sincerely,


Chair


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cc: Chair Tobias Read and Committee Members
- House Transportation & Economic Development Committee
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