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To: Senate Rural Communities and Economic Development Committee:

Subject: Senate Bill 422

We are residents of Pleasant Hill Oregon, who are very concerned about the lack of law enforcement in our area.

Even though we are more than willing to support the Lane County Sheriff, we realize that other voters in the county are not; especially people in the cities where they fund their police Departments. Many of my rural neighbors will not vote to increase county taxes, believing that the tax money will be wasted and will not result in more sheriff deputies in our area.

If the levy that is being proposed in Lane County is approved, it will not be adequate to provide the level of protection that we, and many of our neighbors, would feel comfortable with.

For these reasons we are very excited about SB 422. and urge you to forward then pass this bill as soon as possible. I believe that my neighbors, as well as many other rural residents, will support dedicated funds that will provide "our own Deputy".

I would propose that we combine with adjacent fire districts, and I hope that the law allows this.

We urge prompt passage of SB 422. Thank you for considering our testimony.

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