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House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Committee Members:

With the arrival of the February session of the Oregon State Legislature, The Board of Directors for The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County joins other Oregon business associations, governmental bodies and individuals in support of funding the Columbia River Crossing project.

Our member businesses in Southern Oregon rely upon on- time delivery of goods to the Southern Oregon region. The choke points created by the congestion created by the existing bridge cause delays in deliveries to our stores and businesses.

While we understand that there are still issues to be resolved, we believe by working together with your legislative colleagues and the Governor you can find a way to resolve the issues and move forward to approving completion of this critical project.

Best regards,

Dixie Hackstedde
Chair of the Board

Brad S. Hicks, CCE
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