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March 24, 2015

House Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee
Representative Brad Witt, Chairman
900 Court St. NE, H-374
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 3096

Dear Chairman Witt and Committee Members:

We, here in Baker County, ask that you fully support House Bill 3096 for a mineral study to be conducted. Having an inventory of our mineral resources would be of great value to the State of Oregon, but it would be immensely important to our economy in Baker County due to the large amounts of known mineral desposits.

The history of our county has 150 years of mining, which now includes cement product and aggregate. Our economy now depends greatly on this natural resource and a survey would enable us to expand and create new jobs and give us the potential of 30 to 50 years of new growth for this industry. By having an inventory, we are better able to plan.

Thank you for all of your help to develop this inventory of resources and providing us with the opportunity to create jobs in Baker County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "William Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

William Harvey, Chairman
Baker County Board of Commissioners