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Subject: Urging a Yes vote on HB 3417

Dear Committee,

Please pass this important bill that assures that the voices of local people affected by the state's Regional Solutions program are considered.

Oregon is on the verge of entering a new time of unprecedented growth. Such times, when development pressure is greatest, are exactly when public input and buy-in are most needed, so rural communities have a say in how they grow. Time and again, I've seen the public planning process result in stronger policies and proposals.

Seven days' public notice is insufficient time for getting valuable input on economic development proposals from the public. A thirty-day comment period will help assure that economic development decisions are guided by community values. So will including environmentalists and recreation-oriented businesses that rely on conserving natural areas in all Regional Solutions bodies.

There is great potential for Regional Solutions to grow Oregon in exciting directions, like the Bend Biosciences Consortium. Please pass HB 3417 so those of us who believe that our natural resources are at the root of our prosperity, and a key attraction for new businesses, can support Regional Solutions.

Thank you for considering my views,

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