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Chair Phil Barnhart
Revenue Committee
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Barnhart:


The Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association (OCAPA) supports House Bill 2075. The revenue created from the modest 4 cent per gallon increase in jet fuel will be used to create and maintain commercial air services in rural Oregon and to spur economic development.

As the chair knows, Oregon's rural counties continue to be some of the most economically depressed counties in not only the state but the country. Any activity that promotes travel, tourism, and creates development opportunities in these counties should be supported by the Oregon Legislature.

One of the features of HB 2075 our organization particularly supports is the percentage of revenue devoted to aviation-related economic development. Of course, you think lots of rock and concrete for runways. So do we! But the creation of the opportunity for businesses to move goods and services in and out of eastern Oregon has the potential to facilitate significant business development in the eastern part of our state. This is good for all Oregonians. But it is especially good for creating badly needed jobs in the most economically challenged counties in our state.

OCAPA hopes your committee votes to support this effort. If you, or any of the committee, has any question please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,


Richard Angstrom
President

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