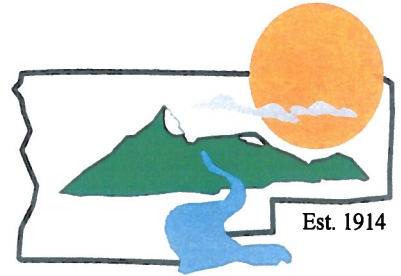


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April 28, 2015

Chair Brian Clem
Oregon House Committee on rural Communities, Land Use, and Water
900 Court Street #347
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 534 (Water/sewer services to airport)

Dear Chair Clem,

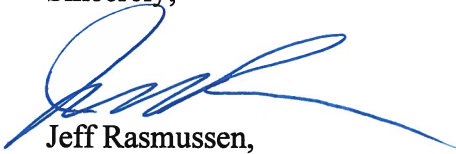
I am writing this letter on behalf of Jefferson County to express full support of SB 534.

The City of Madras has entered into a confidentiality agreement for a development expansion at the Madras Municipal Airport encompassing approximately 100 acres. Jefferson County supports the City of Madras' efforts to develop their property outside of the UGB in the Airport Management (AM) zone.

Senate Bill 534 provides a solution for the City's need at this point and time. It will aid the City to streamline the permitting process and not require the development to build an unnecessary septic system by utilizing the City's existing wastewater treatment plant.

This bill provides immediate assistance needed to allow an immediate business expansion to occur at the airport until the City can ultimately annex its airport property. Jefferson County looks forward to working with the City to complete the annexation.

Sincerely,



Jeff Rasmussen,
County Administrative Officer