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The Honorable Fred Girod
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Oregon State Capitol, S-401
Salem, OR 97301

The Honorable Tobias Read
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Ways and
Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Oregon State Capitol, H-286
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 5030, Lottery Bond Revenue funded Capital Construction projects —SUPPORT

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Read and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

On behalf of the Lake County Commissioners, I would like to lend my support to HB 5030, and the funding provided through \$14 million of proposed lottery bond revenue to support Regional Solutions capital construction projects statewide. Through Regional Solutions, our projects funded through the 2013-2015 biennium- the Innovation and Learning Center (ILC) in Lakeview, and the Woodstove Changeout Program in Klamath and Lake Counties- are providing substantial community and economic development benefits in the South Central Region. These projects are leading to a better-prepared workforce, increased educational opportunities, and enhanced opportunities for economic development in both counties.

The 2015-17 capital construction projects recommended by the South Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee include extension of natural gas through the Town of Lakeview, and a small cities technical assistance program for water and wastewater projects within the South Central region. Both these projects are critical for enhanced business expansion and retention. Lake and Klamath Counties are rural counties with little resources to assist with infrastructure projects; the Regional Solutions funding will allow us to be competitive with new job attraction, as well as allow our existing businesses and industry to expand.

Regional Solutions has provided a substantial benefit to our rural area, and I respectfully ask that you consider fully funding the request before you.

Cordially,

Brad Winters
Lake County Commissioner
South Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Member