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Senator Bruce Girod
Representative Tobias Reed
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Capital Construction
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Reed and Members of the Committee:

The City of Redmond, a Central Oregon community of approximately 27,000 people, extends our support for House Bill 5030. This bill allocates lottery resources across numerous economic development related programs and initiatives.

Like many Oregon cities, Redmond is actively engaged in positioning our community for job/wealth creation and economic success - whether it is infrastructure funding, shovel-readiness, target industry recruitment or expanding low cost transportation alternatives. We have, and will continue, to be good partners with State agencies and State officials to make investments which grow Redmond's and Central Oregon's economy.

Redmond supports HB 5030 because the Bill activates and maintains momentum of some very important initiatives. We have experienced success with the infrastructure finance authority and are a member of the Central Oregon Regional Solutions team. Regional Solutions in particular very effectively aligns state investments to support economic and community development with private, philanthropic, and local resources. Through Regional Solutions, the state has become more responsive in helping Central Oregon advance of some very pressing needs such as higher education, transit and other priorities

In rural communities, completion of infrastructure is the key to unlocking commitments from companies who want to relocate or expand their operations. HB 5030 includes \$10 million for the Oregon Infrastructure Opportunity Program. This program directly helps with these situations. Anything the state can do to provide flexible tools, funds, and financing is welcome and needed.

Approval of HB 5030 is critical to maintaining the public, private, and local partnerships to address unique economic development priorities around the state.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Endicott". The signature is written in black ink and includes a stylized flourish at the end.

George Endicott
Mayor
Redmond, Oregon