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February 3, 2016

Governor Kate Brown
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street, Room 254
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing to urge you to support HB 4146.

My company, Random Lengths, is an information service for the wood products industry. When the industry faced reductions in timber harvests off public lands in the early 1990s, tourism was at the top of the list of industries that could provide jobs lost as the industry adjusted. HB 4146 appropriately targets investment in tourism as a growth industry in Oregon.

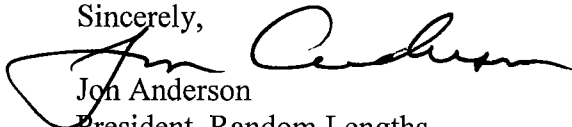
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The benefits of hosting this meet will be realized by the entire state. Among the more than 200 delegations from around the world, many will arrive in Oregon many weeks in advance of the event in order to acclimate to the time zone and train appropriately long before competition. While many will locate in the Willamette Valley, endurance athletes will find their way to Central Oregon and Southern Oregon in order to take advantage of altitude training in preparation for competition.

This event will also showcase our great state to the thousands of spectators that this event will draw from around the world. While they will be in Oregon for the Championships, many will explore the benefits of Oregon ... the wine country, the rivers and mountains, the Oregon Coast, etc.

Please support HB 4146.

Sincerely,


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House Speaker Tina Kotek
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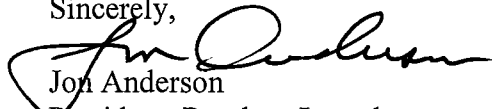
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