

February 13, 2017

Representative Ann Lininger 900 Court St NE, H-485 Salem, OR 97301

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Re: House Bill 2091

Dear Representative Ann Lininger,

This letter is to request that the Economic Development and Trade Committee move forward with the House Bill 2091.

As a rural, family-owned business, the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm relies heavily on Broadband services as it is an essential tool to our operations and success.

- 1.) Broadband has removed the barriers of distance and time that reach far beyond our geographical region for sales, allowing us to quickly process order requests, as well as, communicate with customers.
- 2.) Broadband technology allows us to take advantage of the social and economic advantages not necessarily available in the local market.
- 3.) Broadband provides access to vital information and marketing opportunities to grow our business.

Without the Broadband services provided by our local service provider, Monitor Cooperative Telephone Company, our company would be at a severe disadvantage.

Please support HB 2091 to ensure the availability of Broadband service.

Sincerely,

Barbara Iverson Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm