



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

March 27, 2017

Representative Ann Lininger, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development and Trade
Oregon State Capital
900 Court Street NE, Room 453, Salem, OR 97301

Subject: **Support of HB 2743** – A bill directing the Land Conservation and Development Commission to establish and implement pilot program to implement master plan for economic development on land adjacent to airport in rural area

Dear Chair Lininger, Vice-Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Smith, Representatives Clem, Gomberg, Helm, Lewis, Post, and Reschke:

As Airport Manager of the Bend Municipal Airport and Aviation representative of the Central Oregon ACT, I support passage of HB 2743 which will benefit the Madras community should Madras be chosen to participate in the pilot program.

This bill provides very strategic assistance needed to allow the City of Madras to better support economic development at the Madras Municipal Airport.

A successful pilot program that includes the City of Madras will provide a template for other communities in the region facing similar issues that limit growth and the potential of their airports to promote economic growth, job creation and self- sustainability.

Sincerely,

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