

# MADRAS-JEFFERSON COUNTY

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

Re: **Support of HB 2743** – A bill directing the LCDC to establish and implement a pilot program to implement a master plan for economic development on land adjacent to airport in rural area

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

The **Madras-JC Chamber of Commerce** is supportive of House Bill 2743. As a viable partner in economic development the City of Madras, owner of the Madras Municipal Airport, we believe that passage of this House Bill and the City's participation in the pilot program outlined herein will provide the following benefits to the City of Madras, and the enhancement of financial health in the business community as well in the continued stability of protecting agricultural interests.

1. Saves the City significant resources by the bill allowing the City to move the UGB one time versus piecemeal UGB expansions around the airport;
2. Allows the City to plan for infrastructure (i.e. utilities, sewer, and roads) on the City's entire airport property –not just what is inside the current urban growth boundary (UGB), which the City of Madras already has an adopted master plan and grant assurances to FAA for managing the property inside and out of the UGB.
3. Streamlines the permitting process for new development; this simplifies and welcomes development by breaking down time and efficiency barriers;
4. Permits the City the ability to overlay its ordinances and zoning for administering the adopted Airport Master Plan;
5. Extends the City's tax base over the property for a more consistent and sustainable model of providing City services to the airport property (this does not apply to tax exempt organizations); and
6. The bill only effects "airport management" zoned property and does not impact farm zoned property which is prohibited within the bill.

This legislation streamlines development processes for local government and improves infrastructure planning for supporting economic development within Jefferson County and the State of Oregon.

Respectfully



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