



# City of Independence, Oregon

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Dear Members of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development,

The City of Independence would like to confirm our support for the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams (RST) and project funding especially within rural areas. We recognize the importance of putting dollars on the ground with local authorities to allow for highest priorities to receive funding at least at minimum levels within the State by region. We have found a true benefit in the role our RST has played in bringing pivotal parties to the table to discuss and find solutions to issues impacting our own rural communities.

The Governor's RST has been a key facilitator for the City's Independence Landing project. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a community like Independence, and the RST has enabled important conversations with various state agencies which are facilitating the progress of this development. The RST Coordinator has been instrumental in exposing the work Independence is doing to key State staff, allowing our revitalization efforts to serve as a model for other communities.

The City of Independence asks for your continued support of the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams. They are a critical way for the state to link with local governments and ensure that good projects have the opportunity to succeed. Our sincere hope is to see these programs continue.

Sincerely,

  
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