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

The Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR) confirms our support for the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams (RST) and its project funding especially within rural areas.

We recognize the importance of allocating dollars to local authorities to allow for the 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 parties to the table to discuss and find solutions to issues impacting our own rural communities.

The Governor's RST in the Mid-Willamette region (Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties) has been a pivotal player in the region both by their ability to eliminate barriers within the region as well as the funding partnerships that have been created.

The Mid-Willamette RST has played a vital role in coordinating and assisting with important development opportunities in Donald; working with business and industry to help with CTE training; and helping our region to grow jobs in the region by working to supply needed infrastructure in Sheridan.

SEDCOR asks for your continued support of the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams and their budget request. It is our sincere goal to see these programs continue.

Sincerely,



Chad Freeman  
President  
SEDCOR