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Senator Betsy Johnson, Co-Chair
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Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Transportation & Economic Development
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support HB 5025 Regional Solutions 2017-19 Budget Request

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Gomberg and Members of the Committee:

The Marion County Board of Commissioners supports the 2017-19 Regional Solutions budget request for \$11 million of lottery bond proceeds to support regional priority economic and community development projects. We support the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams (RST) and project funding especially within rural areas.

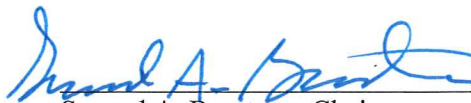
The board recognizes the importance of putting dollars on the ground with local authorities to allow for highest priorities to receive funding at least at minimum levels within the state by region. We have found a true benefit in the role our RST has played in bringing pivotal parties to the table to discuss and find solutions to challenges in our rural communities.


The Mid-Valley Regional Solutions Team has enabled us to address community and economic development efforts in the Santiam Canyon for the last two years. The team will continue to be involved with Detroit Lake Marina plans, and we look forward to seeing the results of these investments such as the strategic dredging of the marina in the near future.

With local guidance and legislative investment, the Regional Solutions model is now moving in the right direction with a track record of demonstrated successes. The \$11 million would be a continued financial commitment to a "one-stop" process that serves our constituents well.

Marion County asks for your continued support of the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams and the positive, beneficial community projects they continue to address.

Sincerely,


Samuel A. Brentano, Chair


Janet Carlson, Vice Chair