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Re: Support for the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams (RST) and project funding in SB 5530

Dear Members of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capitol Construction,

Donald Industrial Park, LLC asks that this letter stand as confirmation of its support for the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams (RST) and project funding in HB 5025, most specifically in the State's rural areas.

As a private sector firm working almost exclusively in the region's rural areas, we watch daily the complexities and challenges faced by small communities when trying to navigate divergent interests to find interagency cooperation. Our current project in the City of Donald (Marion County) is supported by the local, area and regional community as an economic driver positioned to provide agricultural based employment sorely needed in the area. We have found local staff, City Council and Mayor to be highly motivated and supportive of this project. Due to the very nature of the small, rural municipality of Donald, however, the infrastructure necessary to bring critical stakeholders together in the local area, the County and State is lacking. For rural communities such as Donald, the Governor's RST's are vital to their long term economic health. We cannot state in more favorable terms how effective and efficient we have found the RST's efforts in pulling together stakeholders (from both the private and public sectors) to find equitable solutions to issues. IN these areas, the Governor's Regional Solution Team has been invaluable. The RST's deep pool of resources, knowledge and access has been critical to both our team and the City of Donald staff in overcoming economic and regulatory obstacles.

It is our sincere belief that the access provided by the RST's to rural communities within the State is critical to the long-term economic health in those areas.

We ask for you continued support of the Governor's Regional Solution Teams as they have proven time and again their value supporting our local communities.

Very truly yours,

DONALD INDUSTRIAL PARK LLC

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By Paul Nelson, Manager