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Dear Members of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capitol Construction:
Sen. Fred Girod, Rep. Paul Holvey, Sen. Peter Courtney, Sen. Richard Devlin, Rep.
John Huffman, Speaker Tina Kotek, Rep. Greg Smith and House Democratic Leader
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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 are asking for your backing of Senate Bill 5530 because 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 his ability to eliminate
barriers within the region as well as the funding partnerships he has provided.
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 us to grow jobs in the region by helping to
supply needed infrastructure in Sheridan.

SEDCOR asks for your continued support of the Governor's Regional Solutions
Teams and the positive, beneficial community projects they continue to address. It is
our sincere goal to see these programs continue.

Sincerely,



Chad Freeman
President
SEDCOR