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The Honorable Ann Lininger, Chair  
House Committee on Economic Development and Trade  
900 Court St. NE.  
Salem, OR, 97301

RE: HB 2073 – Relating to tax credits for electronic commerce

Dear Chair Lininger and Members of the Committee:

Since July 3, 2014 the City of Springfield has maintained the special status of electronic commerce (e-commerce) zone, which allows our community to participate in competitive industry retention and recruitment efforts. With limited incentive offerings, e-commerce is a priority tool in Springfield's economic development efforts; therefore, extending the sunset as accomplished in HB 2073 is a high priority.

E-commerce zones have proven to be positive programs with minimal cost to the state. Several of Oregon's nearly 70 enterprise zones have received special status to further encourage e-commerce investments.

We are working hard to expand economic development within our community in order to improve the opportunities for all who want to call Springfield home. Please help us keep this important designation in our toolbox. We strongly encourage you to pass HB 2073 and extend the sunset for the tax credit for electronic commerce in enterprise zones.

Thank you for your consideration of our position on HB 2073.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine L. Lundberg".

Christine L. Lundberg  
Mayor