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Hon. Senator Chuck Riley
900 Court St. NE S-303
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Riley,

The City of Baker City supports the introduced provisions of Senate Bill 393. Blue Mountain Translator District has served Baker City residents since 1978, and we believe that their operations will be improved by the provisions of this legislation.

BMTD's boundaries entirely surround, but do not include the City of Baker City. This district is funded by the payment of voluntary service charges, but they are unable to bill residents of incorporated cities unless they have discovered an antenna during a physical inspection. The rural properties in the District are sparsely populated, and service charge payers in Baker City and other cities are ineligible to serve on BMTD's governing board, regularly resulting in vacancies.

Senate Bill 393 offers solutions to address these systemic problems. Service charge payers in Baker City and other cities would be permitted to serve on BMTD's governing board. Voters in Baker City would also be permitted to consider annexation into the district.

The City of Baker City thanks the Committee on Business and General Government for holding the first hearing on translator district statutes since 1997. We hope that the Committee will move Senate Bill 393 to the Senate floor for a vote.

Best regards,

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Loran Joseph
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fred Warner, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Fred Warner, Jr.
City Manager