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Rep. Brian Clem, Chair
House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Deschutes County Support for SB 2

Dear Chair Clem:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of SB 2. I am writing to support this bill on behalf of the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

While this measure does not apply to Deschutes County, I participated in a diverse workgroup to develop SB 2 in a collaborative effort to provide additional economic opportunities for Eastern Oregon counties. This bill provides needed flexibility in our state land use system for 10 rural counties to attract business and employment opportunities without allowing development on high value farmland or in sage grouse habitat. Improving the lives of rural Oregonians and communities benefits our entire State.

Sincerely,

Nick Lelack, AICP, Director

cc: Deschutes County Board of Commissioners
Senators Cliff Bentz, Tim Knopp, and Dennis Linthicum
Representatives Daniel Bonham, Cheri Helt, Mike McLane, and Jack Zika