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Rep. Nancy Nathanson, Chair
House Committee on Revenue
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Nathanson & Members of the House Revenue Committee:

We are writing this letter in support of HB 2449.

The City of Condon is home to the Frontier Regional 911 (FR 911) dispatch center covering Gilliam, Jefferson, Sherman and Wheeler counties for all 911 calls. The increase funding will allow FR 911 to purchase the needed equipment and their upgrades to operate efficiently.

FR 911 is one of the larger employees in the City of Condon with 10 employees and a total payroll costs of over \$1 million. These employees work and live in Gilliam and surrounding counties and contribute to our economy.

The current 911 tax is \$0.75 and has not been increased since 1995 and without an increase it makes it difficult to keep up with technology of the system and to maintain qualified employees. This increase will assist FR 911 to maintain its operation in Condon.

We ask that you support HB 2449.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Greiner
City Administrator