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Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chair
Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support HB 5030 Regional Solutions Budget Request

Dear Co-Chairs Girod, Holvey, and Members of the Committee:

The Marion County Board of Commissioners supports the Regional Solutions budget request for \$15 million of lottery bond proceeds to support regional priority economic and community development projects. We support the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams (RST) and project funding especially within rural areas.


The board recognizes the importance of putting dollars on the ground with local authorities to allow for 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 pivotal parties to the table to discuss and find solutions to challenges in our communities.

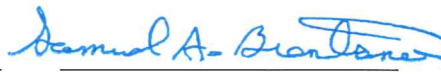
The Mid-Valley Regional Solutions Team has enabled us to address community and economic development efforts such as the Chemeketa Community College (CCC) Diesel Technician Training Program investment of \$200,000. This program operates from funds leveraged through contributions from CCC, private donors, as well as \$100,000 in lottery dollars from Marion County, creating a perfect public-private partnership in our community.


With local guidance and legislative investment, the Regional Solutions model has a track record of demonstrated successes. The \$15 million would be a continued financial commitment to a "one-stop" process that serves our constituents well.

Marion County asks for your continued support of the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams and the positive, beneficial community projects they continue to address.

Sincerely,


Kevin Cameron, Chair


Sam Brentano, Vice Chair


Colm Willis, Commissioner