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Sen Courtney

Subject: STRONG Support for HB 2456

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Good Morning Representative Findley & Senator Bentz,

Thank you for your continual work to advocate and fight for the lives of Eastern Oregonians and making sure our future is as equitable as the rest of Oregon.

I am writing to share my strong support for House Bill 2456. This is such a crucial piece of legislation that will allow our community and the entire Eastern side of Oregon to have an opportunity to remain a location for people to call home.

Please vote YES on House Bill 2456.

I too want to protect our valuable agricultural ground from the lax regulations as seen in Idaho, but need some avenue for limited rural housing on non-viable land in the Border Region. A majority of the higher wage earners working in the Eastern Oregon Border Region live in neighboring communities in Idaho and cite the availability of rural residential housing as one factor.

As an Executive Director at the Boys & Girls Club I advocate on behalf of kids in our community on a daily basis and House Bill 2456 is a solution that can help significantly improve the lives and community for youth and adults. Thank you for voting YES.

The lack of housing negatively impacts economic development, workforce attraction and retention, and tax base stability in the Border Region.

Please support House Bill 2456 with a YES vote.

Sincerely, Matt Sorensen

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