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To: LRO

Cc: "Jeremy Rogers"; "Shaun Jillions"

Subject: Re: H.B. 4010 (Opportunity Zones)

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Dear Chair Nathanson & Members of the House Committee on Revenue:

I have personally experience the impact of Opportunity Zones and their affect on Rural Communities. Through the Klamath County Economic Development Association our community was contacted by a large Equity Lending Firm from Boston Massachusetts. They will be making investments, through providing loans to business ventures across the country. They are only interested in lending to projects located in Opportunity Zones. This could be a great opportunity for Klamath Falls and other rural communities to develop economically over the next few years.

It does not seem logical to squash such opportunities prior to utilizing them for further examination. You can not fruitfully study or evaluate a system that is not in place. It makes much more sense to let the program run and determine it's success from actual on site experience.

Thank you for the opportunity comment,

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