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Oregon State Senate  
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Salem, Oregon 97301

Co-Chair Susan McLain  
Oregon House of  
Representatives 900 Court St.  
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Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Mr. Frederick and Ms. McLain:

I am writing to request the Oregon Joint Committee on Ways and Means support full funding for the important state wide program **Oregon Consensus**, funded as part of the dispute resolution services allocation. As a TITLE or Program, I/we have experienced firsthand the benefit this program provides in helping to support community based problem solving.

I served as the representative of the Association of Oregon Recyclers on the Recycling Steering Committee which was facilitated by Oregon Consensus. This was a two-year long project with dozens of stakeholders and tight deadlines. I have no doubt that without their facilitation of this Committee, we would not have been able to achieve consensus on our project and not in the timeframe we had. Oregon Consensus' ability to lead diverse groups and navigate them through critical processes effectively was absolutely instrumental in our success.

The Oregon Consensus program provides very distinct and critical service to communities across the State in reaching agreement on contentious issues and supporting implementation of sustainable solutions. I am thankful the legislature recognizes the significance of these programs, and hope it will continue to be supported.

Sincerely,

Amy Roth  
Association of Oregon Recyclers

CC: Senator Michael Dembrow  
Sen. Chuck Thomsen

Representative Teresa Alonso Leon

Rep. Bobby Levy

Rep. E. Werner Reschke

Rep. Ricki Ruiz