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Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

Measure: SB478

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this email in support of Senate Bill 478, a dedication for two fallen police officers on Highway 82 between milepost 19-25 in Union County, Oregon. I am a citizen of the State of Oregon, I live in Union County and I have 23 years of public service in Law Enforcement. As a citizen, I endorse the movement to dedicate a section of Highway 82 for two patrol deputies with the Union County Sheriff's Office that lost their lives on November 5, 1980. Both Deputies were on duty and traveling on Highway 82 when they were hit head on by an intoxicated driver which resulted in their untimely passing. The citizens of Eastern Oregon strongly stand with our law enforcement and the sacrifices that they make. Making this section of Highway 82 a fallen officer memorial site would allow law enforcement as well as citizens in general to understand the challenges that come with the job and the ultimate sacrifice that these deputies made that fateful day. It would also allow the community to understand the real world effects that driving under the influence of intoxicants can have on people, which in this case resulted in three deaths in total from people within our own community. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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