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The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
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The Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer
United States House of Representatives
1722 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Wyden, Senator Merkley, and Congresswoman Chavez-DeRemer:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Jan Fritz

The Marion County Board of Commissioners write to express their support for these infrastructure projects in the City of Stayton:

West Side Industrial Development: The City of Stayton is pursuing federal funding to support public infrastructure necessary to facilitate private investment and economic development on approximately 80 acres in West Stayton. Stayton is committed to removing barriers necessary to facilitate the creation of high skill, high wage jobs for the region. Its large tract of vacant industrial-zoned land combined with existing industry capabilities and growth potential in the advanced manufacturing, agriculture and food processing, and wood products sectors makes it uniquely qualified to attract private investment. To help jumpstart this effort, the City funded an Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan in 2019 to identify the economic development opportunities and barriers for Stayton. One of the principal findings was the lack of infrastructure in place for vacant industrial lands is a significant barrier to private development. The necessary improvements are too significant for one developer to provide; therefore, the City of Stayton is pursuing federal funding to help complete the following projects which are critical to opening the entire area to private investment and job creation:

Roundabout at Schaff and Wilco Road

Federal funding would be used to construct a new roundabout at Schaff and Wilco Road necessary to support additional freight and vehicle traffic to the area.

Regional Stormwater Improvements

High ground water plus strict water quality requirements make it expensive to build in this area of Stayton. The City of Stayton will be requesting funding to remove that

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