

Capitol District of Garden Clubs in Marion & Polk Counties
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Senator James I. Manning Jr., Chair
Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs
900 Court Street NE S-209
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: HB 2146

Dear Senator Manning,

I am the Director for the Capitol District of Garden Clubs, serving Marion and Polk Counties, and an active member of the Dallas Garden Club and I want to express my support for HB 2146 to designate Highway 30 the “Oregon Gold Star Families Memorial Highway.” Not only is this an important issue to the over 2,000 members of the sixty-five garden clubs that make up the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. it is also of personal interest to our family as my wife is the Gold Star daughter of a soldier who did not return from World War II.

Our local clubs have been working very closely with Retired Lieutenant Colonel Dick Tobiason, Chairman of the Bend Heroes Foundation, to recognize and honor those who have ably served our great country. This is another opportunity for us to come together as Oregonians to honor the families of those who paid the ultimate price for their service. Specifically, we support the vision expressed in HB 2146 to complete Oregon’s portion of the national Highway 30’s **Gold Star Families Memorial Highway** from coast to coast.

I would be pleased to respond to any questions from your Committee. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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