**Sherwood Industrial Park** 14816 SW Century Drive Sherwood, OR 97140

**Pioneer Commercial Center** 17937 SW McEwan Road Tigard, OR 97224 11093 SW Industrial Way Tualatin, OR 97062 Murray Blvd Center

301 NE Murray Blvd Portland, OR 97201

Learning Tree

14440 SW Milton Ct.

**Beaver Creek Properties** 1715 S. Beavercreek Rd. Oregon City, OR 97045

Learning Tree #1 18115 Lower Boonsferry Rd. Durham, OR 97224

Durham, OR 97224 Tigard, OR 972224 Administrative Offices 8320 NE Highway 99 Vancouver, Washington 98665

Phone 360-575-6255 Fax 360-574-6244 Halsey Development 10910 NE Halsey St. Portland, Oregon 97201

**Tri-County Industrial Park Pier 99 Marina** 11093 SW Industrial Way 1441 N. Marine Dr.

Portland, OR 97217

**Pier West Marina** 1601 N. Marine Dr. Portland, OR 97217

Harbor 1 Marina

3307 N. Marine Dr. Portland, OR 97211

February 7, 2012

House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development Oregon State Capitol 900 Court Street NE, room 453 Salem, Oregon 97301

To the Honorable Administrator Patrick Brennan:

I am Milt Brown and a principal in the above companies doing business in Oregon.

As you know, almost all businesses desire signage, to create jobs, to create the marketing of their products, and to provide locations for signage which will meet that need.

Some locations have very restrictive usage of signage and some locations are better located to take advantage of the visibility of the signage on the property.

Our Murray Boulevard Center property was grand fathered in for the sign even though it was a non-conforming use.

House Bill 4031 solves the dilemma for the land owner which is negotiating the rent with the Sign Company. Without this bill being passed, the sign Company was able to pay a small fraction to the landowner because if the owner refused to accept the minimal offer, the sign company would remove the sign. Because it was a nonconforming use, the land owner will never be able to have a sign there again.

House Bill 4031 will provide immediate relief to all landowners like ourselves by assuring us that we are able to preserve an advertising sign on our property if we choose to do so.

All landowners support this bill as well as many of the sign companies.

We support House Bill 4031 fully and are asking that you pass this House Bill 4031 and make it a law.

Thank you very much for your support.

Very truly yours,

By: Milt Brown Principal and Owner of the above properties through related entities