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Senator Mark Hass, Chair Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue 900 Court St NE, S-207 Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 26

Linn County supports extending the January 2, 2016 sunset of the law that allows the use of County road funds to be expended for patrolling within the County by the County's Law Enforcement Officials. While we have used the current authority to budget such a use for the last several budgets, Linn County has not actually used that authority. Thus, the authority has acted as a "safety net" for law enforcement services.

Given the respect that the County holds for the use of road funds, we would suggest that the sunset be extended for one year, to January 2, 2017. Hopefully by that date, the Federal Government will have a program put in place that would make the law unnecessary.

Sincerely,

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