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Subject: HB 3417

To: Davidson Ian <DavidsI@leg.state.or.us>

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Dear Mr. Davidson,

I would like to register my support for this bill, which provides important safeguards in the proposed Regional Solutions program. While I recognize that the program is meant to help speed up economic decisions in poorer areas, I am concerned that it may do so by undermining the important provisions in our laws that protect the quality of life in these communities, including their natural resources and well-established zoning practices. It is therefore very important that the Regional Solutions program be implemented with full transparency, with adequate notice to all concerned parties, and with due respect to the preservation of community values and the conservation of natural resources. Here in Central Oregon, we have seen repeated efforts to sidestep established procedures in the name of "economic development" which generally amount to little more than special treatment of special interests. We want to make sure that State law ensures that all our laws, designed to protect the public interest of all of us, are respected equally by everyone. Thank you for your consideration.

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