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# Klamath County

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Representative Val Hoyle

Chairperson, Joint Committee On Ways and Means - Sub  
Committee On Capital Construction

RE: Funding for Regional Solutions

Dear Representative Hoyle & Committee,

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce urges the Joint  
Committee On Ways and Means - Sub Committee On Capital  
Construction to recommend the full funding requested by Regional  
Solutions for capital construction projects in our region.

Regional Solutions has brought together rural communities,  
government agencies, and local governments to assess potential  
barriers to economic growth, and through these teams address the  
priority issues facing our region.

This process has been positive and effective, and has given voice  
to rural parts of the State that have felt disaffected and  
disconnected for years. The discussions have been fruitful and  
needs have been identified. The next step is to bring resources  
that address the problems. Sometimes these resources are a  
phone call or letter requesting help with bureaucratic red tape, and  
sometimes it is real dollars for infrastructure, or equipment, or  
technical assistance.

Regional Solutions dollars have been put to excellent use in our  
region to address educational access in rural communities, and air  
quality problems that can restrict economic growth and contribute to  
poor health.

The Regional Solutions request for funding in the current budget  
will extend this good work and help our region recover from the  
economic devastation rural Oregon faced in the recent recession.  
While metro Oregon, and America, is on the path to economic  
recovery, rural Oregon is not. If we want to rebuild property values  
and put more people to work across the rural portions of the State

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advancing its economic vitality and quality of life through the education, promotion and  
networking of our members"*

these kinds of investments are important, and can be leveraged effectively with local investments of time and money.

Please support the funding request and keep our community on the road to recovery.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chip Massie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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