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Subject:

Support for SB 5530

Dear Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey, Member Courtney, Member Devlin, Member Huffman, Member Kotek, Member Smith and Member Williamson:

The Madras City Council hereby confirms our support for SB 5530, supporting the Governor's Regional Solutions Teams (RST) and project funding to support regional priority economic and community development projects.

The City of Madras has seen true benefit in the role our RST has played by recognizing the unique needs of the Central Oregon region, and the importance of working locally to bring key stakeholders to the table to identify priorities, address issues, and find solutions that impact our rural communities.

Madras is especially appreciative of the following RST efforts in our community:

- State agency coordination and preparedness for Oregon's Solar Eclipse Event (Aug. 2016)
- Economic development infrastructure funding to support new job creation by Daimler Trucks North America and its new truck testing facility
- Land use assistance for serving public infrastructure to Daimler and other adjacent Airport development properties at the Madras Municipal Airport

The Madras City Council asks for your continued support of the Governor's Regional Solution Teams and the valuable community projects they continue to address.

Sincerely,

Royce Embanks

Mayor

Cc:

Governor Kate Brown Senator Ted Ferrioli

Representative John Huffman