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Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Jim Doherty, Chair
Commissioner Melissa Lindsay
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February 27, 2019

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Re: Senate Bill 445

Dear Committee Members,

The Morrow County Board of Commissioners would like to express its support of SB 445.

Morrow County has a long history of protecting and preserving the environment and natural resources upon which it relies for economic diversity. The Board supports the mission of the Oregon Invasive Species Council to protect these resources, whether it's our fields of wheat, circles of irrigated potatoes, or our forests.

Invasive species can be transported in a variety of avenues and have the potential to adversely impact the County, State and region in many ways. We must remain vigilant in educating producers, the public, and legislators to the damage that can be done to agriculture, forestry, recreation, energy production, fisheries, and others, should invasive species go undetected or uncontrolled. The old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," truly applies to the mission and work of the Oregon Invasive Species Council.

We ask that you support SB 445.

Sincerely,

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Jim Doherty
Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa Lindsay".

Melissa Lindsay
Commissioner

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Don Russell
Commissioner