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Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development

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Re: 2019-2021 Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF)

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development:

We at Rogue Rowing are strong supporters of the Governor's Regional Solutions Program and the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) part of Oregon's budget. RIF is unique in that it's locally-driven and flexible in ways that few programs are; in fact, it successfully reflects regional priorities by ensuring that needed monies reach rural areas who greatly benefit from those resources.

The Regional Solutions Team is more than just a money source. It assists with regulatory issues and provides a key connection to state government. As a result, creative and innovative projects are inspired to move forward by the opportunity to receive RIF funding. Among these are the Butte Creek Mill rebuild, Fry Family Farm "food hub" and Bradshaw Drop.

Additionally, Rogue Rowing is spearheading the design and development of The Emigrant Lake Outdoor Center, a full-service, multi water sport complex with community access for all. The Outdoor Center will be a premier destination for all non-motorized water sports including sailing, canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and rowing. The Center will offer boat and equipment rentals as well as a beautiful venue to rent for community events, meetings and weddings. Rogue Rowing already draws rowers from all over the country for several camps and events and the opportunities to make Emigrant Lake a destination on the West Coast for rowers and paddlers is endless with a welcoming and accessible facility. RIF funding will provide us with one more wonderful opportunity to help the Rogue Valley flourish.

Sincerely,

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