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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:

This letter indicates Rogue River Valley Irrigation District's support for the Governor's Regional Solutions Program and the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) part of Business Oregon's Budget. RIF is flexible in ways that very few, if any, programs are. RIF is locally-driven, therefore can reflect regional priorities and can fund projects in rural areas that really need the support.

The Regional Infrastructure Fund helped Rogue River Valley Irrigation District leverage millions of dollars in other funding to begin modernizing our aging infrastructure. The Hopkins Canal/Bradshaw Drop Piping Project is an important upgrade to our system, improving the district's ability to efficiently manage, conserve and deliver water.

The Regional Solutions Team has done much more than just disperse RIF funding in the Rogue Basin. They have been important contributors to the regional Water for Irrigation Streams and Economy "WISE" project. However, RIF is a really important tool to assist priority projects.

Funding through the RIF program was a critical part in helping us begin our piping project and move forward with our goal of modernizing our aging infrastructure. Rogue River Valley Irrigation District appreciates the Governor's Regional Solutions Program and the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) interest in improving our irrigation system.

Sincerely,



Brian Hampson
Secretary/Manager