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Senators Johnson and Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Ways and Means Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St. NE, S-209, S-213 and H-275 Salem, OR 97301

RE: Letter of Support for Sunset Highway Corridor Study (SHCS)

Dear Senators Johnson and Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield:

I am writing to express Genentech-Hillsboro's support to the Governor's recommended budget request of \$1,000,000 to fund the Sunset Highway Corridor Study (SHCS). With support from Washington County and the City of Hillsboro, both contributing \$100,000 to the SHCS, we believe the study is of great importance to identify improvements to reduce traffic congestion along the Sunset Highway Corridor.

Sunset Highway (US 26) is a critical access point to the Portland International Airport (PDX) for freight distribution operations at our Hillsboro facility, which is home to Genentech's state-of-the-art fill/finish facility and a warehouse and distribution center. The site plays a key role in the filling, packaging and distribution of Genentech biotechnology therapeutics to our patients worldwide. Increasing congestion along US 26 and lack of reliable travel times become challenges to ensure our medicines can arrive at PDX to meet shipping deadlines to patients. With increased traffic, production cut-off times are also shortened, which impacts our ability to meet patient needs. As we look to develop new medicines in Oregon, that are time sensitive and more personalized to individual patients, the manufacturing and delivery process is paramount to patient supply. This makes addressing these issues even more critical.

Funding the SHCS will help identify critical US 26 improvements to provide critical traffic relief to employers and commuters and increase air quality. Genentech-Hillsboro supports this regional effort and encourages the Legislature to appropriate funding for SHCS. We urge you to fund this critical study.

Thank you for your consideration.

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