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House Committee on Agriculture & Land Use
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Ref: HB 2560 -1 Amendments

Chairman Clem, Vice-Chairs, and Committee Members:

Thank you for your interest and potential support for passage of HB 2560. Your committee has two policy options available: 1) is the bill as originally drafted forming a task force for continued study on the potential mitigation strategies that could be done to minimize the growing visual pollution associated with telecommunication structures dotting our landscape; and 2) a bill providing for a framework of methodology for counties to begin the process of mitigating the impact of existing as well as future telecommunication structures.

The -1 Amendment is a well-reasoned, thoughtful approach to the challenges we face. It integrates the need for greater scrutiny of telecommunications towers under existing statutes and structures; it provides us with a pathway for defending our most critical natural spaces from the unwanted consequences so often associated with modern technology requirements. This is a way to manage the impacts of growth rather than any attempt to thwart it: it reflects sound and sustainable public policy without imposing an overly restrictive regulatory environment.

In the end, I trust your committee to make the best decision possible. We all share an understanding of the value of unrestricted, unpolluted visual landscapes as a part of our tourism strategies as well as our own enjoyment of this special place we call home. With this measure I believe we can make steady progress in protecting our open spaces from unnecessary harms.

In conclusion, I want to thank you again for considering HB 2560 and giving me the opportunity to make the case to you. Please let me know what more information may be required, or questions you might have, as you approach your decisions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul L. Evans".