



April 8, 2019

Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

The Yamhill-Carlton Winegrowers Association represents over 100 wineries and vineyards in Yamhill County. The climate and geology of our region are ideal for creating world-class Pinot Noir, and we are fortunate that the quality of our products is now being sought out by visitors from around the planet.

Tourism and on-site sales of wine are critical to the vineyards and wineries of Yamhill County and the thousands of employees that work for them. We are heavily dependent on surface transportation to obtain supplies, ship our products, and allow access for our visitors.

The congestion on Highway 99 from Newberg to Dayton has a major impact on our county's wineries which are a significant part of Oregon's 6 billion dollar wine industry.

The solution is the completion of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass. We urge you to consider necessary funding, taking advantage of Federal opportunities to complete the Bypass.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership in the days ahead. We look forward to being a resource to you and your colleagues in order to complete the Bypass project.

Sincerely,

Joel Kiff (J.L. Kiff Vineyard), Board Chair

Adam Campbell (Elk Cove Vineyards)

Mike Green

John Hirschy (Hirschy Vineyard)

Mike McNally (Fairsing Vineyard)

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