



**CITY OF REDMOND**  
**Office of the Mayor**

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Oregon State Legislature  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Letter of Support – Extending Sunsets for the Oregon Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Program, and the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program.

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature:

On behalf of the Redmond City Council, I'm writing to encourage your support for critical bills which provide tools and encourage investment in traded sector businesses and industrial lands. Specifically, bills associated with extending the sunset date on the Enterprise Zone program (E-Zone) and the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness program.

E-Zones are one of the best tools Oregon, particularly rural areas in Oregon, have for attracting traded sector investment and increasing our job base by offering limited duration property tax abatements on new capital investment. Since it was first enacted in 1985, the E-Zone has a positive record of success. The program has a demonstrated ability to create jobs, expand wealth, and enhance long-term property tax revenue. For Redmond, a city of nearly 40,000 people, we began using the E-Zone tool in 1988. Since that time we have assisted more than 154 companies, created more than 3400 jobs and leveraged nearly \$165 million in private investment.

Redmond is among Oregon's fastest growing cities, and one where housing prices are escalating at a pace far greater than wages, we need tools such as the E-and Site Readiness to attract traded sector companies which have family wage jobs.

Extending the sunset dates for the E-Zone and the Industrial Site Readiness programs also allows CHIPS Act applicants to include the program in applications, which demonstrates Oregon's support of increasing the state's competitiveness in the semiconductor space.

Sincerely;

Ed Fitch  
Mayor  
Redmond, Oregon