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Co-Chair Lew Frederick
Oregon State Senate
900 Court St. NE, S-419
Salem, Oregon 97301

Co-Chair Susan McLain
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, H-493
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Frederick and Representative McLain:

As a Governor-designated convener for the Oregon Solutions-facilitated work now underway to relocate the Mt. Hood Rest Area, I have experienced first-hand the benefit Oregon Solutions provides through community-based problem solving. I appreciate that the legislature recognizes the significance of this work and urge you to restore Oregon Solutions funding to the full continuing level of service (CSL) as requested in the Governor's budget.

The need to relocate the Mt. Hood Rest Area away from the highly congested Government Camp / Timberline Road area is something the community and stakeholders have been interested in for at least a decade. The Oregon Solutions approach to helping the community establish agreement and support has been a cornerstone for securing funding, engagement and readiness for this work to go forward. The complexity of jurisdictions, ownerships and interests present in the Government Camp area means that no single agency or organization can be "in charge" of such a multi-faceted effort. Oregon Solutions has provided a "table" around which all players can meet to establish and work toward a common vision.

Oregon Solutions is a one-of-a-kind community-oriented facilitation and support function that I am pleased to be working with. Please continue to support this important legislatively-authorized function at current service levels.

Sincerely,



Tom Imeson
Oregon Solutions Convener (volunteer)

C: Senator Michael Dembrow
Senator Suzanne Weber
Representative Tracy Cramer
Representative Emily McIntire