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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:

I'm writing to encourage your support for current service level funding for Oregon Solutions, the statewide public service function based at Portland State University.

For the last two years, Timberline has provided match funding, joined by state General Fund dollars, to support an ongoing effort here on the mountain to relocate the existing and outdated Mt. Hood Rest Area just east of Government Camp.

Because of the complexity of this project, no single agency, company or organization has the capacity or the authority to move this work forward. As a result, it languished up until Governor Brown designated it an Oregon Solutions project in 2021. Since that time, a diverse working group has formed to pledge commitments of support and to align around a common vision. Thanks in part to this effort, the project has received an important federal planning grant and is set to move forward, addressing significant traffic congestion and safety issues and creating new opportunities for the Government Camp community.

Oregon Solutions provides a unique and critical service to communities across the State in implementing sustainable solutions and cost-effective resolutions to contentious issues. I am thankful the legislature recognizes the significance of these programs and hope they will continue to be supported.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kohnstamm, President / Area Operator  
Timberline

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Senator Michael Dembrow  
Senator Suzanne Weber  
Representative Tracy Cramer  
Representative Emily McIntire  
Representative Hoa Nguyen  
Representative Ricki Ruiz