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TO: Members of the Senate Committee on Rules

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RE: Support for SCR 10 – Peter Courtney Memoriam

It is hard to capture in words the extraordinary impact Peter Courtney had on the Oregon Legislature, his district and Oregonians throughout the state.

Whether advocating for those with no voice of their own, strengthening communities through infrastructure and connectivity or investing in the most critical services, Sen. Courtney was always willing to tackle big issues with an eye toward what unites us rather than what divides us.

OBI's mission is to create a healthy, prosperous and competitive Oregon for generations to come. We are honored to remember Sen. Courtney, who believed in our state, its people and making the environment in which we live and work better.

Those who had the honor of working with Sen. Courtney saw firsthand what leadership focused on others looks like. He believed in compromise and collaboration, and he believed in the importance of the legislative process and the responsibility given to those who serve in the House and Senate.

Peter Courtney's commitment to public service was unparalleled. This resolution is an important way for the institution he loved so much to honor his service, leadership and legacy. It allows us all to take a moment to reflect on the vision he had for the legislature, the way in which players, even opposing ones, would work together for a better State — or as he would say—"Oregon, My Oregon".

OBI is a statewide association representing businesses from a wide variety of industries and from each of Oregon's 36 counties. In addition to being the statewide chamber of commerce, OBI is the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Retail Federation. Our 1,600 member companies, over 75% of which are small businesses, employ more than 250,000 Oregonians. Oregon's private sector businesses help drive a healthy, prosperous economy for the benefit of everyone.