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State of Oregon

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

RE: Support of Senate Bill 1047

Dear Committee on Energy and Environment,

This letter is in support of Senate Bill (SB)1047.

Curry County (County) consistently has placed amongst the lowest of Oregon counties in property tax rate, and perhaps property tax revenues. The County as such needs to explore sources of revenue in addition to property taxes.

Because of the low tax revenue, the County has had to cut Sheriff law enforcement patrol, which adversely impacts public safety.

Also because of low tax revenue, the County has insufficient resources to perform comprehensive studies of such alternative revenue sources.

Therefore, it is imperative that the State of Oregon study and allow resource development in Curry County so that the County can provide essential safety net services to its population.

Please vote in favor of passage for SB1047.

Respectfully,

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