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**RE: In Support of Senate Bill 1047**

Dear Senator Smith,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 1047, which aims to study access to resources for development in Curry County. As someone who grew up in Port Orford, I have seen firsthand the challenges our community faces due to a lack of industry. Like many others, I left for college without the expectation of returning because of the limited job opportunities available. For those who do come back, especially women, the most reliable career paths tend to be in teaching and nursing—both valuable fields, but not representative of the diverse interests and aspirations of all of our community members.

The opportunity to develop a golf course in Curry County, similar to what Bandon Dunes has done for Bandon, would be a game-changer for Port Orford. Not only would it provide well-paying jobs with benefits, but it could also create leadership opportunities and careers in fields that resonate with locals, including environmental stewardship and sustainable tourism. Bandon Dunes has proven that responsible development can enhance a community's economy while fostering strong partnerships with local businesses, environmental initiatives, and public services which could be easily modeled to a (smaller scale) golf course in Port Orford.

With the support and passing of SB 1047, this would allow for ease of the phases and processes for the developers of the golf course.

A project like this in Port Orford would provide much-needed economic diversification, bringing in visitors who support local businesses and helping to sustain vital infrastructure. By passing Senate Bill 1047, the Oregon Business Development Department can ensure that our county has the resources and strategic planning necessary to make this vision a reality.

I urge you and your colleagues to support this bill and help give Port Orford the opportunity to thrive. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the economic future of our region.

Sincerely,

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