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Dave Brock Smith 900 Ct. St. NE, S-316 Salem, OR 97301 RE: In Support of Senate Bill 1047 Dear Senator Smith,

Please share this letter of support for you and Representative Court Boice as you sponsor Senate Bill 1047, relating to access to resources for development in Curry County. The communities of the South Coast have been greatly impacted by reduction in the timber and fishing industries in the 1980's and 1990's.

The Langlois/Port Orford School District declined in enrollment from about 500 students in 1995 and four schools to the present student population of about 200 and two schools.

The City of Port Orford infrastructure is in need of major upgrades, primarily water and sewer. The Golf Course Development Company has offered a partnership to upgrade the sewage system to transport the treated waste water for use on the golf course. Currently the only disposal method available is to dump the treated waste water in the ocean.

The City of Bandon is an excellent example of what responsible development investment can bring to a coastal community, providing jobs and revenue to the County. Passage of Senate Bill 1047 is good start to bring a similar result to the Port Orford and North Curry area.

Sincerely yours,

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