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March 17, 2009

The Honorable David Edwards  
Member, Joint Ways and Means Committee  
Oregon House of Representatives  
900 Court Street NE, H-384  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Edwards:

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The Honorable Larry Galizio  
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900 Court Street NE, H-282  
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Oregon House of Representatives  
900 Court Street NE, H-281  
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The Honorable Rod Monroe  
Member, Joint Ways and Means Committee  
Oregon State Senate  
900 Court Street NE, S-409  
Salem, OR 97301

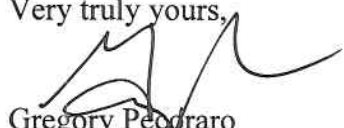
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The Honorable Nancy Nathanson  
Vice-Chair, Joint Ways and Means Committee  
Oregon House of Representatives  
900 Court Street NE, H-280  
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Dear Vice-Chair Nathanson:

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The Honorable David Nelson  
Member, Joint Ways and Means Committee  
Oregon State Senate  
900 Court Street NE, S-211  
Salem, OR 97301

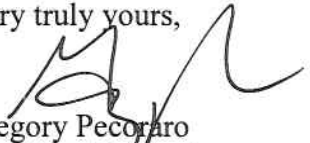
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The Honorable Alan C. Bates  
Member, Joint Ways and Means Committee  
Oregon State Senate  
900 Court Street NE, S-205  
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The Honorable Peter Buckley  
Co-Chair, Joint Ways and Means Committee  
Oregon House of Representatives  
900 Court Street NE, H-286  
Salem, OR 97301


Dear Co-Chair Buckley:

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The Honorable Margaret Carter  
Co-Chair, Joint Ways and Means Committee  
Oregon State Senate  
900 Court Street NE, S-209  
Salem, OR 97301

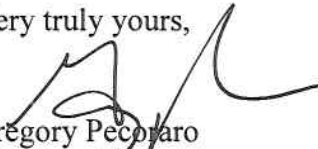
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Oregon House of Representatives  
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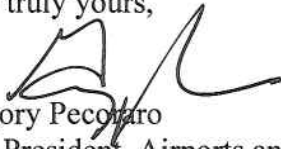
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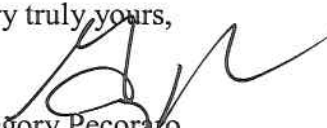
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The Honorable Betty Komp  
Member, Joint Ways and Means Committee  
Oregon House of Representatives  
900 Court Street NE, H-273  
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The Honorable George Gilman  
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Oregon House of Representatives  
900 Court Street NE, H-493  
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