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September 19, 2016

Hon. Commissioner Steve Kramer  
Board of County Commissioners  
511 Washington St, Ste 302  
The Dalles, OR 97058

Dear Hon. Commissioner Kramer,

The Oregon Business Association (OBA) urges you to approve Union Pacific' Railroads infrastructure improvement project, the Mosier Double Track, during your planning, land use and scenic area review. We believe this small project can make a big difference in the efficient movement of commerce in Oregon via the safest means of transportation.

Formed by a group of Oregon business leaders, our membership includes more than 250 businesses, from Portland to Boardman, from homegrown to Fortune 500, all of whom have joined to support OBA's commitment to a healthy economy for all Oregonians.

One of OBA's goals is achieve an equitably funded, well-maintained and multi-modal system of transportation (roads, rail, shipping, air) that efficiently moves citizens, business traffic and freight. UPRR's Mosier project should prove to be an integral part to improving the overall system as it will reduce emissions and noise from idling locomotives, alleviate congestion an crossing traffic in multiple cities in the Pacific Northwest, alleviate backlogs occurring in intermodal, automotive, and agricultural commodities, and improve the network for Oregon businesses who want to move goods to and from markets.

With this four mile improvement, hundreds of miles of track in Oregon and thousand in the region can simply work better. One bottleneck in the Gorge can impact business in Burns, Bend, Bandon and beyond.

On behalf of businesses in Oregon both big and small, I than you for your consideration of this regional infrastructure improvement project.

Sincerely,

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