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The Honorable John Kitzhaber
Governor of the State of Oregon
State Capitol, Room 160
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301-4047

Dear Governor Kitzhaber:

We are writing to request that you designate the financial distress of Curry County as an Oregon Solutions project.

Two weeks ago we sent a letter to you detailing the financial plight of Curry County. We advised that without full reauthorization of federal Secure Rural Schools ("SRS") funding to 2006 levels, it is estimated that Curry County would have a \$362,603 deficit for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, and a \$3,120,898 deficit for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. As a result, essential core services would not be provided. Public safety would be of particular concern, with limited funding available to the Curry County Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Department, and District Attorney's Office. This situation would have a tremendous adverse affect not only with local residents, but with the many tourists that vacation here.

We feel that we can strengthen our position by working together, and we are looking forward to collaborating on this effort. We have recently worked with Oregon Solutions to develop an assessment of the fiscal health and economic development issues in Curry County. Oregon Solutions can provide the necessary structure for collaboration among the various state, local government, private sector and civic partners.

Your support of this request for designation as an Oregon Solution project would be helpful in bringing the diverse partners needed to develop solutions and strategies to deal with Curry County's pending financial crisis.

We appreciate your support in this endeavor and we are eager to utilize the Oregon Solutions Community Governance System.

Sincerely,

Curry County Board of Commissioners

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George Rhodes, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Itzen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David G. Itzen, Vice Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bill Waddle', written in a cursive style.

Bill Waddle, Commissioner

cc: State Senator Jeff Kruse
State Representative Wayne Krieger
Oregon Solutions Program Director Richard Townsend