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To the Honorable Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation, Preservation, and Modernization:

First let me take this moment to applaud your efforts to develop much needed legislation that, if passed and signed into law, will make serious headway in addressing the transportation and infrastructure needs of the citizens of Oregon.

The members of both the Rogue Valley MPO and the Middle Rogue MPO also appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft legislation HB 2017-3. We do have some suggestions to help clarify what we understand the intent is of the Joint Committee's efforts. Please accept the following suggestions in the spirit that they are offered.

**Section 119 – Congestion Relief Districts –**

Section 119(a)3(a)(G)- page 224 starting on line number 13 states –

“The governing body of the Middle Rogue Congestion Relief District shall be the Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee.”

We suggest this language be changed so that the elected officials of one county (Jackson County) are not making political and taxing decisions for a neighboring county (Josephine County). We suggest the language be changed to state that –

“The governing body of the Middle Rogue Congestion Relief District shall be the Middle Rogue Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee.”

We also respectfully request that paragraph 119(a)3(a)(H)(b) (page 224 beginning on line number 19) be deleted. In section 119h3(e) (page 234 beginning on line number 5) the text states ...

“For the Rogue Valley Congestion Relief District, the Southern Oregon Seismic Triage Project.”

We respectfully request that this too be changed to the following ...

“For the Rogue Valley Congestion Relief District, the South Stage/Phoenix Road/Foothills Road Freight and Seismic Resiliency Corridor.”

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Michael Quilty, Chairman, Rogue Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization