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The Honorable Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chair
Joint Ways and Means Capital Construction

Co-Chairs Holvey, Girod and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing you with a plea on behalf of our Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission (the Mission) guests who are in our program and are working hard to improve their lives. They are clean, sober, hardworking individuals who are less fortunate than we are and are striving towards a goal of financial independence, that is, a stable family wage job that supports them and their family.

Ken Austin quietly provided significant funding to the Mission for the creation of a job training program. This program is designed to provide our guests with the opportunity to achieve employment that is meaningful both as to purpose and compensation.

Ken and Joan also knew how critical transportation is to the creation of such job opportunities which can then enable those less fortunate to succeed. This is an important reason why Ken and Joann were champions of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass project. Yet everything I read and hear is there is always one more technicality, rule or hurdle that prevents funding that would move the Bypass to construction.

The mission's guests lack the influence to overcome such barriers to employment and personal success. So we ask that you say "No More Delays", we must remove the road blocks to the completion of the Bypass. For you and me another year or two of delay is but a matter of time. For our current and future guests it is another year or two or more of living on the street, of struggling to survive and enduring hardships we can't imagine.

Please support the governor's request of \$32 million in lottery bond funding to begin construction on Phase 2 of the Bypass and provide a state match for federal funding, RAISE and INFRA grants and anything the Biden jobs plan might present, to complete the Newberg-Dundee Bypass.

Thank you,

Kaye Sawyer, President