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Dear Mr Frohnmayer and Ms Tate:

Earlier this fall, the Lane County Board of County Commissioners became aware of several community-based efforts which were considering coming before the Board with a request to place money measures onto future election ballots. We asked our Intergovernmental Relations Manager, Alex Cuyler, to research other Oregon counties' experiences with money measures and report back to us on November 10.

In hearing his testimony, the Board was aligned in thinking that the citizens group you co-chair would find his analysis potentially useful as you move forward. Mr. Cuyler examined four counties with some varying degrees of similarity to Lane County. He drew the data from a set of election records the Association of Oregon Counties accumulated between 1995 and 2007. Given the changes, especially, to the so-called "double majority" requirement in the Oregon Constitution which was amended by the electorate in 2008, the data does need to be updated to reflect the past two years experience at the (mail in) ballot box. There are additional data points that we felt might be useful to have for the entirety of the data as well, for instance average income and average tax rate.

We will be making a recommendation to the Association of Oregon Counties that this data may be more useful for Oregon counties if it can be continually updated, but wanted you to at least see how we examined it. As you are well aware, Lane County has a poor track record when it comes to passing local money measures. We hope that through this analysis of what has succeeded or failed in other counties that groups such as yourselves may find success, if that is the option you choose to pursue.

In appreciation of the work you have undertaken, very sincerely yours,

Pete Sorenson, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners