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Dear Ms. Boles:

I'd like to introduce myself to you and the County Board of Commissioners for Linn County. I am the Senior Business Recruitment Officer for Business Oregon otherwise known as the Oregon Business Development Department.

The reason I'm reaching out to you is that I have been working on a paper converting/manufacturing project which is what we term a Foreign Direct Investment that has been looking at multiple sites in Oregon for their converting/manufacturing project. We have visited sites in Eastern Oregon, North Central Oregon, Central Oregon, the Highway 30 corridor as well as South Central Oregon. Including mid-valley sites, this company has spent many years and multiple trips to Oregon to find the perfect site. The Millersburg property was first visited in October, 2022 and the UGB swap was already in process. I would like to add that we have also been competing with Washington and Idaho for this project.

To give you the details about the project, it's initial capital investment will be between \$150 to \$200 million and the job creation with be 70 to 90 jobs for their first phase, however there could be more phases in the future with investment potential up to \$1 billion with 1000 additional jobs. This first phase will come with a potential annual total payroll of \$3.9 million. In addition to these direct jobs, there will be multiple vendors and suppliers that will be providing servies and materials to this project, all that we hope will relocate in the mid-valley region.

All properties that have been shown to the company over the past four years have been industrially zoned to protect our high value farmland. Based on the response and acceptance from DLCD for this UGB amdendment project, property in Millersburg would provide the right zoning and it is our understanding that the UGB process was well underway before this property was shown to Project USA 2.

This letter is written to provide support for the City of Millersburg, Linn County, my client USA 2 and the property owner. I hope that this project moves forward and brings significant economic impacts to the residents of the mid-valley region and also to the State of Oregon. Project USA 2 has multiple facilities in the United States and a very successful track record.

I'm available if there are any questions.

Warm regards,

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