

Villages at Mt. Hood

A Clackamas County, Oregon Complete Communities Village
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November 18, 2006

The Honorable Ron Wyden
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The Honorable Gordon Smith
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Greg Walden
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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
1406 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Darlene Hooley
2430 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Members of Congress:

Today, November 18, 2006 the citizens of the Villages at Mt. Hood gathered for their quarterly Town Hall Meeting. In conjunction with the unanimous recommendation of the Villages Board of Directors, the local citizenry voted to endorse the Mt. Hood Corridor Community Planning Organization's (CPO) position of support for additions of Wild & Scenic river miles and wilderness areas as proposed by Senators Smith and Wyden in SB 3854.

During our August Town Hall meeting the Villages at Mount Hood voted to support HB 5025. We believe the additions to HB 5025 in SB 3854 further protect lands near our communities.

Our communities, which represent the majority of the population residing on the south-side of Mt. Hood, recommends the continued support for these wilderness bills and their eventual merged outcome. We also encourage the President's endorsement of these bills in the future.

Respectfully,

Rick Applegate
Villages at Mt. Hood Chair