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200 S. Ivy Street

Medford, OR 97501

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of annexation of property in MD-5 into the Medford urban growth boundary in order to enable the new proposed trail and park system to be completed in East Medford.

As Medford and the Rogue Valley attempt to attract new businesses to improve local employment opportunities, having a high quality living environment where employees can live is critical. East Medford is such a place. The proposed East Medford trail and park system would be a great addition to the area enabling residents including families to easily take part in outdoor recreation.

The proposed trail system also will enable better walking and biking access to the new Southeast Village Center in the area. The health benefits of walking and biking are well known. These also are types of exercise most residents of the community can take part in. Additionally these modes of transportation can cut down on auto traffic which will decrease the local carbon foot print.

Sincerely,



David Chamberland, M.D., father of 4 and current resident of East Medford