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Congressman Greg Walden
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Congressman Earl Blumenauer
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Dear Congressmen Walden and Blumenauer:

On behalf of the Sandy City Council, I am writing in support of HR 5025, the Mt. Hood Stewardship Legacy Act. This legislation provides a well balanced plan that sets the stage for the mountain's long term needs, including an expanding urban population, increasing numbers of recreational users, protection of water quality for fish and municipal use, and maintaining a healthy forest.

In 2004, the Sandy City Council voted to support designation of additional wilderness in the Mt. Hood area. The Council is concerned about the city's current and future supply of drinking water in the Alder Creek and Salmon River watersheds. In addition, Sandy is the gateway to Mt. Hood, and the natural beauty of this area supports our growing tourism industry. HR 5025 is a critical step that will help us to plan for the next century of growth in or near Mt. Hood, while permanently protecting some of the forest's most special and wild places. We support this legislation and urge its passage through the House of Representatives and into law. If I can be of assistance at any point in the process, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Linda K. Malone
MAYOR