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Senator Lynn Findley
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Representative Vikki Breese Iverson
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Re: Oregon-Idaho Border Negotiations
Our File No.: Ct. Misc. 77

Dear Senator Findley and Representative Breese Iverson:

In early 2020, Crook County was one of the first Oregon counties to be approached by the “Move Oregon’s Border” group. The County has watched what began as a small initiative petition grow into a burgeoning grassroots movement with support across much of the State.

This May, via Ballot Measure 7-86, we asked our voters: Should Crook County represent that its citizens support efforts to move the Idaho state border to include Crook County? The Measure’s summary and explanatory statement made it clear that this was merely a non-binding advisory question, as State borders are a question for State and Federal elected officials, not counties.

The Measure garnered a great deal of voter interest. Nearly 10,000 Crook County electors voiced their opinion, with 5,149 votes, or 53.4% of votes cast, voting “Yes.” Accordingly, following the will of our people, the Crook County Board of Commissioners wants to express to you that our citizens encourage continued discussions with our Idahoan neighbors regarding the possibility of a westward relocation of the Oregon-Idaho border, potentially resulting in all or a portion of the territory of Crook County, Oregon becoming a part of the State of Idaho.

Crook County recognizes this is a unique and complicated issue. We are grateful to have such committed and passionate representatives at the State level advocating for the County and its people. As always, we are here to support and assist you in any way we can.

Sincerely,

The Crook County Board of Commissioners:

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