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Al Densmore, President  
City Council of Medford  
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Medford, OR 97501  
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Dear President Densmore:

I am the Chair of the Coos County Commissioners, and I am more than happy to send you this letter extolling the great partnership between Coos County and the Coquille Indian Tribe. I am proud to have this Native American government in my community. Their active and positive influence has helped the people of my County socially, economically and environmentally, and I would like to illustrate a few examples for your consideration:

- Since 2002 the Tribe has made grants of over \$3.6 million to Coos County-based nonprofits and charities.
- Through additional grant funding, the Tribe has assisted the Coos County Sheriff's office and South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team to acquire over \$333,000 in equipment.
- The Tribe is an employer of choice in Coos County (our second largest), offering family wage jobs with benefits and multiple opportunities for advancement.
- Their leadership is always accessible and very active in local charitable initiatives, nonprofit boards and committees, and they care deeply about the issues confronting Coos County.
- They generously made a cornerstone contribution to the new Coos Historical & Maritime Center, pledging over \$1 million.
- The Tribe co-authored the Coquille Watershed Restoration Plan and is continually carrying out that plan, making real and substantial improvements to our salmon runs and preventing further erosion.
- They sponsor countless public and community improvement events and activities.
- Their innovative, FSC certified forest creates jobs and serves as an international model of forest stewardship.
- And much, much more.

I have no hesitation telling you that the Coquille Indian Tribe is an outstanding member of my community and I expect that their values, responsiveness and generosity will make them valuable members of any other jurisdiction where they choose to create jobs and provide services.

Thank you for the opportunity to send this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Sweet", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Sweet

Cc: Eric Swanson, City Manager