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July 15, 2009

Mr. Jerry Pothier, Mayor
City of Myrtle Creek
P.O. Box 940
Myrtle Creek, OR 97457

Dear Mayor Pothier,

Recently, a group of Tri City residents approached the Douglas County Commissioners and presented us with a petition containing over 2,000 signatures expressing opposition to annexation to the City of Myrtle Creek.

The County Commissioners absolutely support voluntary annexation when property owners approach a city and request to be annexed. We support this private property right and will continue to protect our citizens' access to voluntary, citizen initiated annexation.

The County is the governmental jurisdiction that is responsible for representing the citizens of Tri-City. We are hopeful that, if the Council does proceed with annexation issues, you will thoughtfully take into consideration the perspective of those who signed the petition and are extremely wary of non-citizen initiated annexation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

Susan Morgan
County Commissioner

Joe Laurance
County Commissioner

Doug Robertson
County Commissioner