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### The Honorable Andrea Salinas

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Salinas,

As the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, we write to express our strong support for Yamhill County's Community Project Funding request to modernize and upgrade our countywide emergency radio communication system.

Reliable emergency communications are essential to effective public safety. Law enforcement, fire districts, and emergency medical services rely on dependable radio systems to coordinate responses, communicate across jurisdictions, and serve residents quickly when emergencies occur. Yamhill County's system serves more than **110,000 residents** across rural communities, agricultural areas, and growing small cities throughout the county.

Modernizing this system will improve coverage, strengthen reliability, and enhance interoperability among first responders. It supports coordinated response among **county law enforcement, municipal police departments, fire districts, EMS providers, and other public safety partners** across Yamhill County.

This investment will also support the long-term strength of our communities. Reliable infrastructure and strong public safety services are important factors for families and businesses when deciding where to live, work, and invest.

Federal partnership plays an important role in helping rural counties make essential infrastructure improvements like this one. Support for this request will allow Yamhill County to strengthen a vital public safety system while continuing to responsibly manage local resources.

We respectfully urge your support and appreciate your continued commitment to the communities of Yamhill County and rural Oregon.

Sincerely,

Kit Johnston  
Chair

Mary Starrett  
Vice-Chair

David "Bubba" King  
Commissioner

Approved by the Yamhill County Board of

Commissioners on 03/05/2026

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