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Peter Daugherty, State Forester
Oregon Department of Forestry
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310

Dear State Forester Daugherty,

As the Legislative co-conveners of the Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Task Force, we ask that you designate \$50,000 of the additional \$1.7 million the Legislature and Coastal Caucus was able to garner during the recent 2019-21 Legislative session for management of the SOD Task Force.

As you are most keenly aware, the SOD Task Force has been one of the driving forces behind efforts to secure funding and keep SOD at the attention of our federal and state partners as well as the Legislature. We are fully aware that SOD is a difficult pathogen to control and efforts to slow the spread have been successful and we hope to keep it that way.

We thank you for your attention to this request for the allocation of \$50,000 to finance the costs associated with the management and administrative of the SOD Task Force for the 2019-21 biennium and ask that funds be directed to the Association of Oregon Counties County Solutions Program as have been done in the past.

Most Sincerely,

Rep. David Brock Smith, Co-Convener

Rep. Caddy McKeown, Co-Convener