



United Way of Jackson County

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Paula Hart, Director
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Dear Assistant Secretary Newland and OIG Director Hart:

Thanks so much for the opportunity to write a letter of support for the Coquille Tribal project in Jackson County, Oregon. As the CEO/Executive Director of United Way of Jackson County, our support for the project is from an economic development standpoint because business prospering does improve social goals. The Coquille Tribe does already invest in human services in our community and has a proven track record of helping people in need. Their larger operation here would likely bring additional support to the nonprofit community as well as the real driver of jobs. They have proven their commitment to this project and to our community.

The Coquille's campus, of which the potential casino is an important piece, will bring millions of dollars in economic development to our community. The multiplier effect of these dollars will be felt in households, neighborhoods and our whole community through jobs, purchased services, supplies and more.

We are hopeful of your thoughtful approval of this project. Thank you for the kind consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dee Anne Everson".

Dee Anne Everson
CEO/Executive Director