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**OREGON'S GOVERNOR OFFICIALLY SUPPORTS
SPRINGFIELD'S SIMPSONS MOVIE BID**

Governor joins Tony Hawk to bring Simpsons home

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski has released the following statement:

“With Simpsons creator Matt Groening a native Oregonian and references to our state littered across the show, I think it is clear that the Simpson’s Springfield is Springfield, Oregon,” said Governor Kulongoski. **“In Oregon we have always held a special place in our hearts for the Simpsons family and it would be an honor to welcome them home for their movie debut. I encourage all Oregonians to join me in voting for our Springfield.”**

The hard work of the Springfield community is now online at www.thesimpsons.usatoday.com.

Background:

Skateboard legend Tony Hawk, who, in real life, helped build Springfield’s Skate Park and appeared in episode #300 of the Simpsons, makes an appearance, along-side other community members in the humorous pitch. The story is a faithful parody of the 80’s show In Search Of and uses fact and conjecture to outline the possible inspirations for the Simpson’s creator and native Oregonian Matt Groening.

The majority of the story is based on ideas sent in by community members Springfield, Eugene and Portland

People interested in voting can go to www.thesimpsons.usatoday.com through July 9 and click on the Simpson’s Movie, or go to www.myspace.com/springfieldoregon for the link.

For more on Governor Kulongoski: <http://www.governor.state.or.us/>