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Oregon State Legislature
Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation

Dear Representatives:

SUPPORT FOR HB 5028

I am writing to express my support for HB 5028, The Accelerator & Innovation Network, which would see the Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (OREGON RAIN) become a reality in the South Willamette Valley and would be a significant project for our area. RAIN would coordinate and leverage the research activities of UO, OSU, and the three SRCs to advance the formation, growth, and retention of technology-based companies in our area.

The project capitalizes on the investments our local municipalities have already made and previous municipal investments and will also take advantage of the Regional Solution Centers. This project is good for Albany, it is good for the region, and it is good for Oregon.

I urge you to vote to support the investments proposed in HB 5028 and, specifically, to vote to fund the RAIN project.

Sincerely,

Sharon Konopa
Mayor

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