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Sen. Fred Girod Rep. Paul Holvey 900 Court St. NE, H285 Salem, OR 97301

Greetings, Senator Girod and Representative Holvey:

I am writing to you today as a student in support of Clackamas Community College's DeJardin/Pauling Science Center project, in reference to Capital Construction Senate Bill 5505. As legislators, you work hard to meet the needs of your constituents, just like Clackamas Community College works hard to meet the needs of its local community. Through the Imagine Clackamas community engagement process in preparation for the bond, local area businesses, community members, and students identified career technical and transfer degrees as top priorities.

Not only is the DeJardin/Pauling Science Center project necessary to enable students to meet transfer objectives and gain updated skills necessary to compete in current STEM fields, but the project work itself will enable students to gain valuable experience to compete in job markets such as Project Management, Construction, and Engineering.

I graduated from Clackamas Community College's Business and Project Management Associate of Applied Science degree programs in June 2016, and have seen firsthand the benefit these programs provide. As part of the Cooperative Work Experience requirement of my degree program, I was offered the opportunity to apply for and was awarded an internship with inici group, Inc., in 2015. inici is the program and construction project management team selected to act as Owner's Representative for the duration of CCC's bond program. I have had the privilege of working full time as a permanent member of the team since the start of the bond program, involved in all aspects of the bond projects from design to construction, including the Harmony West and Industrial Technical Center projects, which were previously awarded \$8 million each in State match grants.

Today, with my position at inici group and experience working on the bond projects for Clackamas Community College, I am able to help other students find success with internship positions on the bond projects through the Student Applied and Integrated Learning (SAIL) Program. SAIL is a program I helped develop, directed by the Board of Education, to help Clackamas Community College meet its goal to involve students in bond project work. Under the program, project architects, contractors, subcontractors,

and other project team members offer opportunities for students that include internships, mentorships, job shadows, site tours, and presentations.

Project Management interns have been hired by the General Contractors for each of the Harmony West and Industrial Technical Center projects, and several more internships are in the works for engineering, welding, and landscape students. Additionally, internships with the design team for the DeJardin/Pauling project have already been identified.

The state's support of the current projects has already been instrumental in launching my career, before the first building is even open. Through the SAIL program, other students are starting to see success in their own chosen fields. Without the support of Clackamas Community College, and without your support of the bond projects, this wouldn't have been possible. CCC works hard to be good stewards of the bond dollars. Continued support for the DeJardin project will have benefits for students beyond the final learning center product. STEM and other students will get to play instrumental roles in the design and construction of the building through the SAIL program, as well as providing learning opportunities through presentations and tours beyond internships.

Please continue to support Clackamas Community College and student success by approving matching funds for the DeJardin/Pauling Science Complex project. This institution and the services it provides is vital to the vibrant success of the people and businesses in our community.

Thank you,

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