



May 15, 2017

RE: SB 5530

Dear members of the Capital Construction Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee:

Thank you for tackling the difficult, but important, task of allocating lottery bond funds among so many competing projects. We are very grateful for your work on behalf of all Oregonians.

As volunteer Board members of the 35-year-old Cottage Theatre in Cottage Grove, **we are writing to express our strong support for the \$6 million package of cultural construction projects submitted for your consideration under SB5530 by the Cultural Advocacy Coalition.**

The projects included in this package were selected last fall following a multi-stage peer review process. The projects will benefit communities throughout our state: Portland, Bend, Cave Junction, Corvallis, Newport, Eugene, and Cottage Grove. The projects have demonstrated that they will grow jobs in the cultural sector, expand access to cultural resources for future generations; preserve, restore and exhibit culturally significant artifacts and historic treasures; support expansion of both contemporary and traditional arts and theatre; and encourage cost-effective, innovative partnerships among cultural nonprofits and the communities they serve.

Your investment in cultural infrastructure via support of the Cultural Advocacy Coalition package will positively impact Oregonians – and visitors to Oregon – for many years to come.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of the Cottage Theatre Board of Directors: Mark C. Allen, Terri Debysingh, Jody Rolnick, Amanda Ferguson, Cathy Bellavita, Frank M. Long, Mary Jo O'Fallon, Becky Venice, Karen Snyder, Elaine Roberts, Glenda Koyama, and Bill Morrill.

Members of the Cottage Theatre Board of Directors

Jody Rolnick (President), Cathy Bellavita (Vice President), Elaine Roberts (Secretary), Mark Allen (Treasurer), Terri Debysingh, Amanda Ferguson, Glenda Koyama, Frank Long, Bil Morrill, Mary Jo O'Fallon, Karen Snyder, Becky Venice