JACKIE WINTERS STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 10



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OREGON STATE SENATE

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Dear Colleagues:

We are writing to urge your support of a significant opportunity to enhance the economic vitality of the central Willamette Valley, to honor Oregon's Premier Citizen and to pay homage to Oregon's Native American cultural heritage. That opportunity is the Gerry Frank | Salem Rotary Amphitheater.

In an inspiring public-private partnership, the city of Salem and the Rotary Club of Salem have undertaken a project that will benefit the regional community by creating expanded opportunities for cultural enrichment, recreation, and economic vitality. The amphitheater at our capital city's Riverfront Park will be open and welcoming to everyone, an inviting gathering spot in what is now one of the largest scenic urban parks in America.

Named in honor of Gerry Frank, the amphitheater recognizes Gerry's lifetime of tireless work in support of Oregon tourism, business development, public safety and nonprofit social services.

With a unique design inspired by the open-weave baskets of the Native American Kalapuya, who once lived on the amphitheater site, this will open the door to cultural education connecting citizens today with their heritage.

The stunning beauty of the architecture will place this structure among the most significant and iconic features in Oregon for generations to come.

When the opportunity arises, please support this one-of-a-kind cultural landmark.

Thank you,

Senator Jackie Winters District 10