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"Falls City School District provides well-rounded opportunities for students to become productive, positive citizens and life-long learners"

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Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem OR, 97301

RE: SB 5555, Financial Support for The Falls City Wastewater Facilities Project

Dear Legislative Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

On behalf of the F.A.C.E.S Afterschool Program as part of Falls City School District #57, and in close partnership with the City of Falls City, it is my privilege to voice our support for the appropriation of moneys toward the Falls City Wastewater Facilities Project. Our afterschool program has many components and one of them is connecting families with resources and making sure students basic needs are being met. Housing is a high need in our community. We have many students that are living in trailers and houses in complete disrepair. From my years serving as Falls City Mayor I am aware that our sewer facility is at capacity and is well past it's life. We do not have an option to build any housing developments right now because our sewer system is at capacity. Having funds from many sources will allow our city to switch sewer treatment systems

The other piece to this is that many of our families cannot afford a higher sewer bill or a rent increase because of sewer costs. Having support from grants and other funding sources will allow the city to take on the costs of the new sewer system. This will help our families who are living in homes be able to stay in their homes. I know the city will have to raise rates to keep up with supply costs, etc. These funds will help keep the sewer rate increase to a minimum. Our small town and school have made great strides in bringing resources to our community and we still have several milestones to accomplish. Having infrastructure that is capable of meeting the city's needs will help us expand as a community.

With all of this being said, we urge this committee to appropriate sufficient American Recover Act funds to push this project over the final financial hurdle and ensure the successful construction of this long-awaited wastewater treatment facility.

Sincerely,

Amy Houghtaling
Program Director, F.A.C.E.S. Afterschool Program

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