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Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair, Joint Ways & Means Committee;
Senator Betsy Johnson, Co-Chair, Joint Ways & Means Committee;
Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair, Joint Ways & Means Committee
Oregon Legislative Assembly
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Johnson, Senator Steiner Hayward and Representative Rayfield,

On behalf of HP, Inc. and our dedicated Corvallis campus employees, I'm writing to ask you to please continue the funding for the state university Engineering Technology Sustaining Funds (ESTF) and even consider increasing its funding to meet the needs of current service levels. Over the years we have worked collaboratively with our good friends at Oregon State University, and it is programs like these that are critical to serving higher education and businesses that rely on a well-educated and trained engineering work force. The bill number is SB 5528.

As we recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, public education is facing significant challenges, especially when the need is great to provide meaningful access to education. As HP's senior executive in Corvallis, I know firsthand the importance of educating and training future engineers, which ensures that our state and our nation will be competitive in a global economy.

Since 1997, Oregon's Engineering Technology Sustaining Fund (ETSF) has made investments in STEM which have provided higher education institutions with continued growth in both the capacity and diversity of their programs.

Oregon's essential investment in the Engineering Technology Sustaining Fund has:

- Tripled the number of engineering graduates in the state.
- More than tripled research expenditures.
- Provided substantial economic mobility for students graduating with engineering degrees.

- Leveraged private donor and industry philanthropic support.

Obtaining an engineering degree remains one of the best options for economic mobility and a reduction in funding to the ETSF would significantly reduce Oregon student's accessibility to these programs. With a decrease in state investment, engineering programs could become more costly, create fewer degree options, reduce the number of instructors and courses available, increase class sizes and ultimately produce fewer qualified engineers and scientists that could be essential to Oregon's economic recovery from the COVID pandemic.

Our HP Corvallis campus, which employs more than 1,000 professionals, is the "technology mothership" for our printing businesses. We have now expanded to cutting edge 3D printing, including metals printing. The work at our Corvallis campus has made HP is an industry leader, and the excellent work at OSU has meant that we can directly benefit with well - educated and trained engineers, many of whom are women.

We urge you to please protect this crucial fund which has become the foundation for creating successful engineers in the state of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Weber".

Tim Weber
Global Head of Materials