



Joint Letter of Support for the Elgin Wastewater Compliance Project
from the Offices of Senator Hansell, SD 29 and Representative Levy, HD 58

Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

Today we are asking for financial support for the community of Elgin. Like many small communities in Oregon, especially in rural Oregon, residents are primarily older with a fixed-income and when infrastructure needs fail, it is extremely difficult to come up with the funds to fix them. Elgin, which hosts a community of less than 1,500, is known as the Jewell of the Blue Mountains and is home to the award-winning Elgin Opera House.

The City of Elgin has gone to great lengths to replace, renovate, and restore their wastewater system without having to go into massive debt. This has led to extensive work with Business Oregon, applying for numerous grants, and approaching innovative designs to accomplish wastewater compliance goals as frugally as possible.

Although wastewater and sewer projects are never exciting to fund, they are critical for the well-being of Oregonians and for our environment. Without this funding, the city of Elgin will face noncompliance with DEQ or forcing their community members to foot a bill that they cannot afford.

Thank you for your consideration of this project,

Senator Bill Hansell, SD 29

Representative Bobby Levy, HD 58