



Joint Letter of Support for the Historic Rivoli Theater
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,

The Historic Rivoli Theater in Pendleton Oregon is a structure straight out of the wild west of Oregon's frontier. For years, the community has pitched in to support the renovation of this beautiful and historic theater so that one day, it can be the premier center for performing arts in the Northwest.

This project has been proposed in phases. For the first Phase, Phase 1, consists of three parts: demolition, excavation, and steel and concrete. The funds requested for this project are for the steel and concrete portion of Phase 1. As of right now, this restoration project has been on-going for over 10 years. This project has been an outstanding example of community support and would contribute to the ambiance, history, and value of Pendleton's main street. Often, we do not find such outstanding examples of history and art in our small communities and funding the modest amount that the Rivoli Theater is asking would grant our rural residents the ability to experience art and culture in their backyards.

In a time of economic depression and instability, it is vital to give hope to Oregonians that one day, things will be better. Helping fund the Rivoli Theater will give residents in Umatilla County and beyond the recognition that we can still support projects that feed our hearts and minds.

Thank you for your consideration of this project,

Senator Bill Hansell, SD 29

Representative Bobby Levy, HD 58

