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**Testimony to the
Senate Committee on Housing and Development
Support of Senate Bill 622**

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Good afternoon Chair Jama, Vice Chair Linthicum and members of the Senate Housing and Development Committee. I am Marshall Coba representing the American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon in support of SB 622. ACEC Oregon is a professional organization representing 116 member firms and more than 4,000 employees in Oregon and southwest Washington.

We would like to thank Senator Frederick for his sponsorship of this important bill.

ACEC has a long history of supporting appropriate investment in our levee system. Many Oregon communities rely on aging levee infrastructure for protection from inundation by flood waters. The \$10 million in this bill will be a great addition to the needed funds to redesign, repair and construct the repairs all along the system.

We have numerous members who work with the many public agencies that intersect in the water/levee policy area. We see firsthand the potential for significant catastrophic impacts if a levee were to fail. We look forward to these lottery funds as well as other funding sources to make an impact on the system we have today.

Thank you for this opportunity to add our voice in support of SB 622.

Thank you for your service during these unprecedented times.

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