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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to wholeheartedly endorse the High Desert Museum's funding request.

Since its inception in 1982, the museum has been highlighting the Central Oregon desert, and culture through exhibits of wildlife, art and natural resources.

The past couple of years have made it difficult to maintain the museum's high quality, but our exceptional staff, even though depleted from Covid and fewer funds, have done an outstanding job.

The High Desert Museum is looking forward. The funds provided by your committee will fund much needed projects, update exhibits, and enhance tours and lectures, plus help create new exhibits. The museum is forever trying to provide the most exceptional education environment.

The High Desert Museum is a stalwart of Central Oregon, and, in fact, the state of Oregon. The funds you provide will be thoughtfully and wisely spent. My only regret is that I would have loved having this wonderful museum as an educational source when I was growing up in Central Oregon.

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