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Dear Co-Chair Holvey, Co-Chair Girod, and Members of the Sub-Committee,

Thank you for directing Lane County Staff to work with the Eugene Emeralds to determine the feasibility of a multi-use facility at the Lane Events Center that would be home to the team and serve the community and region for a wide-range of exciting uses.

As you know the Emeralds are more than just a baseball team. They are a valued community partner, the team ownership, staff, and players have a 70-year track record for investing their resources in our communities to help make them a better place to live. We feel like this new facility will only grow the Emeralds involvement in the community and give back to Lane County.

We have had the pleasure of working with the Emeralds these past couple of year.

The Emeralds are supporters of FOOD For Lane County's mission to reduce hunger by engaging the community. The Emeralds partner with FFLC to host a food and fundraiser every year called "SOUPer Heroes Night" during one of their games. This not only raises food and funds for neighbors in need, but it helps spread the word about our mission to the community. This support is invaluable to us FOOD For Lane County it helps us reach donors and potential clients that may not know about our organization.

As you know, if the Emeralds don't have new place to play by 2024, Major League Baseball will move the team. To not have the Emeralds in our communities would be an unnecessary and tragic loss to our County. I ask that you support the proposed multi-use facility is included in the master plan for the Lane Events Center.

Sincerely,

Sarah Reiter

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