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On Behalf Of: Umatilla County Fair

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB2510

From my experience of 65 years in attending, participating in or supporting county fairs I support HB 2510. It is increasingly difficult to provide the fair experience for those attending county fairs. 4-H, FFA kids participate and rely on the fair and work hard towards this each year. Teaching our youth the values a fair brings is vital in our world today. Life skills such as responsibility, hard work, developing friendships and working together for a common goal. This brings us all together, no matter what town in a county you live in or how you participate in the fair experience. The county fair is where persons from out of town bring their families for fun, enjoyment, entertainment and a place to travel to they can afford. Guests to fairs brings economic development to the local communities: hotels, restaurants and small businesses that rely on this income each year.

Supporting HB 2510 is a vote of support for our communities.