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In Oregon the county fairgrounds are a part of the fabric of life, especially rural life. Over the years my daughter showed at many 4H fairs at the Lane County Fairgrounds. I have ridden my horse in exhibitions at the fairgrounds. Our small group Of Oregon Equestrian Trails members used the fairgrounds in central Oregon as an overnight stay for our horses and campers on our way to Eastern Oregon and while we were there groups of riders came to practice their gaming skills in the arena. There are so many ways that the fairgrounds fill a need that private venues do not and cannot since there are not enough of them. Fairgrounds admit everyone equally and are accessible to so many. Please support the fairgrounds in Oregon sufficiently that they can continue to be a healthy environment for Oregonians young and old. This would require at least designating 1% of the state lottery proceeds as well as the rentals and user fees that are already assessed.