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On Behalf Of:

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I am a native Oregonian and a resident of the town of Coquille, Coos County. Coos County holds a population of approximately 62,000 residents. We have a county fair in July. My husband and I volunteered to assist with repairs to the fairgrounds last summer. The building that held our food 'court' collapsed because of rotten support beams, forcing repairs. We needed new seating for our rodeo, new water lines, etc etc. Our County Commissioner liaison, John Sweet, worked hard to gather skilled volunteers and supportive businesses who came together and worked like mad for the sake of keeping our fairgrounds open so that we might continue having a horse-show and rodeo. This bill could help us finish the upgrades needed to complete our needed repairs and improvements. Small town America is our bread and butter and it is where mom and pop raise their children and then take their grandchildren to the parade and rodeo. Let us support their efforts in all of rural Oregon. Thank you.