Submitter: Malheur Grounds

On Behalf Malheur County Fairgrounds

Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General

Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2948

My name is Dawnita Haueter. I am the fair manager for Malheur County Fairgrounds in Ontario, Oregon. I was recently asked by Ontario Police Department as well as Ontario Fire Department if they could use our facility in case of emergency. We are located a couple of blocks away from schools and the officer that was here discussed how our facility could be used in an active shooter situation, an emergency evacuation location in case of fires and we could also have range fire fighters here to deploy to fires across the area. I believe it would be beneficial for Malheur County Fairgrounds to be used as a resource in these situations. I support having fairgrounds be included in HB 2948. I believe the funds would be very useful in upgrading our power supply system as well as other infrastructure improvements. Please consider this when looking at the available funding and let's get the fairgrounds throughout some much needed assistance with infrastructure and help the community in times of need. Thank you!