



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 23, 2023

RE: Testimony supporting HB 2948

Chair Grayber, Vice Chairs Lewis and Tran, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2948, which will provide critical support to help our fairgrounds improve their possible dual purpose as emergency evacuation sites.

In 2020, I was present and active at the Linn County Fairgrounds when it was opened as a wildfire evacuation location for animals. For I think obvious reasons, county fairgrounds around the state were simply not designed with this purpose in mind.

Fairgrounds can be uniquely situated to fill the emergency needs of the community. With the experience from the Labor Day wildfires, I know our local Linn County Fairgrounds would be even better and able to fit those needs – and ready for whatever emergency arises – with a little help in HB 2948.

Respectfully submitted into the House record,

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