

Submitter: Steven Howell

On Behalf Of: Columbia Co Fairgrounds

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans

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I am a Kiwanis Board member with the Kiwanis Daybreakers Club of St. Helens, Or. We participate in working the parking and cashiering at the Columbia Co Fair on an annual basis. I recall a few years ago when the entire pacific northwest experienced deadly forest fires where thousands of people had to be evacuated from their homes. The Columbia Co fairgrounds had hundreds of individuals from all over the state, who relied on our facilities as a place of shelter during that horrible time. I believe we need funding in order to provide adequate restrooms, rv hookups, sleeping quarters and maintenance to existing buildings. Please consider this an immediate need and dedicate a portion of the money available to this vitally important cause.