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Via email: Rep.DavidGomberg@oregonlegislature.gov

Dear Representative Gomberg:

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On behalf of the Strategic Economic Development Corporation (SEDCOR), I am pleased to offer our support for the \$5 million in Capital Construction funds requested by the Sheridan School District for the Barbara Roberts Career Technical Education Center.

Secretary/Treasurer

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As the regional economic development organization serving the Mid-Willamette Valley of Oregon, SEDCOR focuses our efforts on traded sector companies and entrepreneurs seeking to grow, expand, or locate in our region. We have a long history of supporting career technical education throughout Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties as a vital means of creating workforce pipelines for our region's employers. We know that investment in career technical education (CTE) pays off in the development of a skilled workforce for employers and ultimately job creation, poverty reduction and expansion of the local economy. We've seen that CTE programs can transform a region's economy because the linkage between industry, workforce and schools creates a powerful force for economic development.

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But funding CTE programs in rural communities like Sheridan is challenging, and that is why the \$5 million in Capital Construction funding is so important. We applaud the work the Sheridan School District has done to develop a plan for the Barabara Roberts Career Technical Education Center that reflects the current and future needs of the area's employers. They have created a phased approach, starting with firefighting/EMT training and diesel tech/truck driving, skills that local employers and communities need.

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Thank you in advance for your support of this exciting project!

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Sincerely,

President

Cc: Dorie Vickery