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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital  
Construction

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I am writing in enthusiastic support of the Salem Baseball/Softball Turf Project at Willamette University. This project holds immense value for our community, promising to enhance the accessibility, safety, and quality of our sports facilities. Investing in artificial turf will provide our youth with safe spaces to play year round, encouraging an active and healthier community. By supporting this project, we are not only investing in the future of our sports programs but also promoting the health and wellbeing of our children. Access to high-quality sports facilities encourages physical activity, fosters teamwork, and instills important life skills in our youth, ultimately contributing to a healthier and more vibrant community.

Salem is in dire need of more turf space, especially in comparison with other similar communities. This will have a far broader impact than just space for college or amateur teams to play. Having more space like this is a proactive step towards promoting emotional health in our young people, fostering community relationships, and ultimately lead to better outcomes for kids and families in Salem.