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Senator Gorsek and Representative Smith,

The Construction Contractors Board is a nine-member board represented by Oregon construction businesses, public members, and a local government representative. Our role is to provide oversight and accountability of CCB's staff as they fulfill their statutory mandate to protect consumers, support responsible licensed contractors, and promote a positive business climate.

The board is in support of the CCB's 2025-2027 budget as reflected in the Governor's Recommended Budget. This includes support for legislative ratification of the fee increase adopted by the board in 2024.

Beginning early in 2023 the board began careful consideration of the rising costs that the agency had incurred since fees were last increased in 2010. After a nearly nine-month deliberative process and an extended public comment period the board approved a \$75 increase to the two-year license fee.

The board did not take lightly the step of raising fees at this time. However, the board was conscious of the cuts to agency programs and services that would have been required due to rising costs. The board ultimately determined that maintaining strong consumer protections and ensuring a level playing field in the industry warranted the move to increase fees.

The board is also pleased with the work done over the last several years to rebuild reserves in support of the agency's critical need for modernization. This is reflected in the agency's proposal to replace its aging license system with a modern, more efficient solution.

The board is committed to working with leadership to ensure high levels of service while also building toward an improved future for the agency. The board has confidence in agency leadership to continue to manage agency finances in a manner that reflects respect for both the consumers and contractors of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Dylan Bochsler, Board Chair

Eric Olsen, Board Vice Chair