

COLUMBIA RIVER MARITIME MUSEUM ASTORIA

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House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Trade Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St, NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representatives and Staff,

Columbia River Maritime Museum wholeheartedly supports and urges your funding of the full slate of 14 capital construction projects totaling \$9.325 million in Cultural Resources Economic Funds (CREF) for 2025-2027.

These projects will each contribute significantly to local economic development, tourism, education, and cultural opportunities. These projects will help their communities attract workers and employers alike, and improve the quality of life for current residents.

Each of these projects has already undergone a rigorous vetting process and demonstrated both community need and fiscal responsibility. Please vote to fund each of these vital projects.

Sincerely,

Bruce Jones

Executive Director

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