



March 4, 2025

Dear House Representatives,

I am writing to advocate for the passage of Oregon House Bills 2304 and 2145. These bills are vital to ensure the continued success of our county fair and rodeo, as well as our agricultural programs and community events. Due to inadequate funding over the past decades, our fairgrounds now require substantial improvements to maintain and improve its functionality and sustainability.

Our Harney County Fairgrounds is vital to the local economy and community. It provides for unique opportunities for agricultural education, youth development, and cultural exchange. Our fair facilities support small businesses, highlight local agriculture, and create important spaces for people to gather together. Additionally, it serves as a center for emergency response to support our own and our neighbors in times of need.

The provisions of HB 2304 and 2145 that remove the cap on the 1% of lottery funding to Oregon fairgrounds will ensure that we are able to maintain and improve our facilities so we can continue to provide the space and support for essential activities in our communities. I urge you and your colleagues to support the passage of these important pieces of legislation. They are critical for the continued success of Oregon's fairs and the many other programs that benefit our local communities and youth programs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lindsey Robertson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lindsey Robertson  
Manager, Harney County Fairgrounds