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On Behalf Of:

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I live in Harney County and am a previous Harney County Fair Board member and support HB 2145. Fairgrounds are the hub of our small, rural communities and need all the support we can give them as they bring the people together in so many ways. Without a hub for in-person community events, meetings and emergency gathering areas, information sharing and economic development will plummet. Fairgrounds are a place where our children will remember for their lifetime. They are places where they learn, grow and show off the work they have done. Our fairgrounds is in dire need of upgrades and maintenance. For example, in 2024 it housed over 1500 firefighters but the plumbing struggled to keep up. I support the increase in funding to all county fairgrounds that this bill would allow by removing the current cap of Oregon Lottery dollars sent to county fairgrounds.