

Virogenomics BioDevelopment, Inc.

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Senator Aaron Woods, Co-Chair
Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic
Development
900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 5024

Dear Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg and Members of the Committee:

OTRADI is one of Oregon's Centers of Innovation Excellence. OTRADI is a non-profit institute funded primarily by the State of Oregon, under the umbrella of Business Oregon and the Oregon Innovation Council. OTRADI's mission is to fuel the economic development of Oregon's bioscience industry by enabling the translation of innovative research into products and companies that benefit human health and create high-wage jobs for Oregon.

The goal of Virogenomics BioDevelopment is to partner with academic researchers and help commercialize their ideas by providing grant writing and preliminary data/assay development support. We have been in business in Oregon for 10 years and have been awarded \$ 6.5 million in federal grant support. We are currently awaiting notice of award on a grant for \$15 million to advance a therapeutic for methamphetamine addiction and multiple sclerosis into a phase one clinical trial.

This work would not be possible without the support of OTRADI. Virogenomics BioDevelopment's laboratory is housed in the Oregon Bioscience Incubator space on Macadam Avenue in Portland. The space includes access to shared equipment that is essential for the data generated for this grant submission. Furthermore, the ability to interact with other companies in the incubator has fostered additional opportunities for product development. A collaboration that I am particularly interested in is one to generate an at home test to predict aortic aneurysm.

We are supportive of OTRADI/OBI's continued funding as we are seeking to stay and grow our operations here in Oregon. We look forward to a continued close partnership with OTRADI and the OBI in the future. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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