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Dear Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Drazan, Vice-Chair Pham, and Members of the House Rules Committee,

On behalf of the Oregon Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA), I am writing to express our strong support for recognizing the Lunar New Year as an official holiday in the state of Oregon.

Lunar New Year is a significant cultural celebration for millions of Oregonians, particularly within the Chinese community. It is a time for families to come together, honor their traditions, and celebrate their heritage. Recognizing this holiday would not only acknowledge the rich cultural diversity that makes Oregon unique but also promote inclusiveness and respect for all cultures.

Celebrating Lunar New Year encourages community engagement and fosters understanding among different cultures in our state. Many organizations and individuals have already come together to advocate for this important cause, and we believe that official recognition would further strengthen these efforts.

We urge the House Rules Committee to consider this initiative seriously, as it would demonstrate a commitment to honoring the traditions and values of all residents in Oregon. Together, we can create a more inclusive environment where everyone is celebrated.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your support in making Lunar New Year an official holiday in Oregon.

Regards,



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