



March 20, 2025

Representative Ben Bowman, Chair
Representative Christine Drazan, Vice-Chair
Representative Hai Pham, Vice-Chair
Representative Shelly Boshart Davis
Representative Lucetta Elmer
Representative Jason Kropf
Representative Andrea Valderrama
House Committee on Rules
Oregon Legislative Assembly
900 Court Street NE
Salem OR 97309

RE: Support of House Concurrent Resolution 30, related to Friends of Timberline and Timberline Lodge

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Drazan and Pham, and Members of the Committee:

I am a long-time member of Friends of Timberline and have served in every officer position and most Committee positions during my thirty years of membership on the Board. My motivation is, and has always been, to devote the time, financial support, and encouragement to an Oregon nonprofit that has celebrated and preserved the spirit of the hundreds of WPA workers who created Timberline Lodge, Oregon's treasured icon. Along with the several hundred previous volunteer Board members, I am proud to have done so.

Friends serves as a model of the value a dedicated nonprofit can bring to the table, to accomplish tasks beyond the reach of the Forest Service's public abilities and the private entity operator's operational requirements. As a collaborative steward of the Lodge's history, Friends has striven to preserve the "look and feel" of the historic Lodge to be enjoyed by the millions of visitors visiting the Lodge. Over the five decades of its existence, Friends of Timberline has created a significant archive of written and photographic materials documenting the decades of history of the Lodge, providing researchers with information on a myriad of WPA topics. Without Friends' efforts, much of those historical materials would have been lost.

For the foregoing reasons, among others, I respectfully urge the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 30.

Michael Gentry
50th Anniversary Committee Chair