



25 March, 2025

Representative Daniel Nguyen
House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade
900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Nguyen and Members of the Committee:

My name is Aditi Martin and I am the senior director for Collaboration and Entrepreneurship at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon. I strongly support House Bill 2417 funding for the Oregon Translational Research and Development Institute (OTRADI) and the Oregon Bioscience Incubator (OBI), which play a crucial role in fostering the growth of Oregon's bioscience ecosystem.

OHSU is the state's foremost life-sciences research university and the only academic medical center in Oregon. OHSU has advanced quality health care with innovations, including pioneering cancer medicine, materials that replicate human bone tissue, creating the first successful artificial heart valve, to name a few.

In 2024, OHSU received about \$584 Million in research awards, of which about \$352 million came from the National Institutes of Health. Research grants are like small businesses, requiring new staff, services, and equipment. Resources acquired by researchers through grants and contracts support faculty, staff, and student salaries and add new jobs, contributing directly to the state's tax base. This federal funding spurred 94 new inventions reported at OHSU last year alone.

Our innovators have benefitted directly from mentorship, access to space, collaborations and programming offered by OTRADI/OBI. Since 1998, OHSU Innovation has led to the creation of 90 start-up companies. Many of our small businesses are housed at OTRADI. Between 2017 and 2024, these young companies supported by OTRADI/OBI have created 275 full time jobs in Oregon, in addition bringing in over \$50M in federal grant funding.

Funding for OTRADI/OBI is critical to continue the important work that this organization is doing in our growing bioscience community. Therefore, I enthusiastically support House Bill 2417. Please feel free to contact me if I can address any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AP Martin".

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