

March 23, 2025

To: Oregon House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

RE: Mosier Center Joint Use Facility

Dear Committee members,

As a Mosier resident, volunteer, and local business owner, I want to express my support for the City of Mosier's Capital Construction request of \$2.5 million for the Mosier Center.

I have lived and operated a business in the Mosier, Oregon area for over 20 years. In that time wildfires have significantly impacted and threatened both my personal and professional life and livelihood. The risk of wildfire is one that is increasing in the Mosier area, and with current fire response facilities that are inadequate and antiquated, this joint use facility will provide Mosier and the surrounding community with a critically needed public safety facility. Proudly for Oregon, it will also be the first net zero fire station in the country.

In addition to fire, this important facility will address a range of emergency needs, including shelter, EMS support, and food insecurity. Not only are Mosier's current fire response facilities inadequate for our needs, so is Mosier's current City Hall. This facility will provide us with needed space for our city staff and officials, as well as a hub for visitors and economic development in the community. As an active volunteer in this community, I can also attest to the fact that community meeting spaces, such as this facility will provide, are very much needed.

Thank you for helping make Mosier Center a reality for the safety of Mosier's residents and the vitality of our community!

Sincerely,

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