

March 25, 2025

Senator Daniel Bonham
900 Court St. NE S-323
Salem, OR 97301
Sen.DanielBonham@oregonlegislature.gov
Rep.JeffHelfrich@oregonlegislature.gov

Representative Jeff Helfrich
900 Court St. NE H-371
Salem OR 97301

Dear Senator Bonham and Representative Helfrich,

We are writing to individually show our strong support for the city of Mosers Capital Construction request of 2.5 million for the much-needed Moser Center, a critical Public Safety facility and economic hub for our very strong community..

We have lived in the upper Mosier Valley for many years and the recent last three Summers with wildfires all around us each summer has been very disturbing to witness first hand. From the Washington White Salmon Area Fire, to the Mosier Radio Tower fires, to multiple fires on the highways, and even a local Barn on Vessel Road near us caught on fire and had the local fire department not randomly been in the area and the planes above the White Salmon area of Fire to extinguish the fire the whole upper Mosier Valley would have been threatened to burn. We have a strong community of people that wish to preserve the beauty and nature of the Gorge Scenic Area established by laws and wish for your support for the resources to do so in a comprehensive, upgraded capabilities that the Mosier Center will provide.

The Mosier Center will enable the community as central hub for sharing information with not only Mosier residents but surrounding cities to facilitate faster response times to fires and also help coordinate volunteers and other resources to step up and help. The Mosier Center, can act as a central location connecting the Hood River Valley and The Dalles Valley along this important, highly populated Oregon corridor. The firefighting planes that pick up the water for dumping out of the Columbia happens right in front of Mosier and would be seen from the Mosier Center.

We are so close after years of fundraising to make the Mosier center a reality for the safety of our residents and vital for multiple communities within the Scenic Columbia Gorge.

We thank you for your support.

Michael Collier
Jan Collier
1933 Further Valley Road
Mosier, OR 97040

