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On Behalf Of: Mosier  
Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General  
Government, and Veterans  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3870

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Dear Senator Bonham and Representative Helfrich and members of the Committee,

I write to you in support of Mosier's Capital Construction request of \$2.5 million for the Mosier Center. This project combines a community center, city hall and fire station and will constitute a vital public safety center for this area. I own a small business in Mosier (Runcible Cider), own a house and orchard here and employ staff to grow apples and make our products. All of this has been repeatedly threatened by fire. Last year, I watched a large wildland fire burn to within a half mile of my home until my family was evacuated. I understand that fire is a widespread danger in Oregon, but allow me to emphasize that Mosier is keenly focused on self sufficiency and protection as well as robust participation in mutual aid to nearby communities in the Gorge.

Neighboring public safety agencies have pointed out that Mosier sits in a strategic position and the new Mosier Center would become a centralized emergency management location that can increase multi-agency coordination and rapid response. The Mosier Center would additionally provide the following benefits:

- Incident Command Post housed on site.
- Shelter, food, water & electricity for those needing a place to go given the mandatory evacuations our community members endured.
- Modern fire apparatus facility with proper decontamination, equipment storage, and personal protective gear support for Mosier volunteers and other firefighters.

Finally, the Mosier center would foster tourism which is indispensable to the economic vitality of our region.

I fully support the request for funds that would allow the project to begin long overdue construction. I ask you to consider Mosier's initiative and enthusiasm in developing the Mosier Center plan and urge you to prioritize its funding.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

Rob Miller  
Runcible Cider Co.,  
Mosier Fire District Board