March 25, 2025 Senator Daniel Bonham Representative Jeff Helfrich 900 Court St NE, S-323 900 Court St. NE, H-371, Salem, OR, 97301 Salem, Oregon 97301

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Dear Senator Bonham and Representative Helfrich,

As both as a business owner and resident member of the community for the past 15 yrs I am writing to encourage your crucial support to the City of Mosier's Capital Construction request of \$2.5 million for the Mosier Center.

The primary purpose of the structure is to house a much needed & updated Fire station for our First responders in the community. Mosier as the heart of the Columbia River Gorge exists in an area where Wildfires are an annual threat to residents, businesses and commercial transportation interests like Union Pacific Railroad and Interstate I-84.

By providing the funds for the community building, you will have a direct positive impact on the safety and security of the town and surrounding areas. The community center will be an anchor point for qualified fire-fighting professionals to stage a base camp for the entire center Columbia Gorge area. It will also serve as immediate access point for any Interstate Police during emergency interstate closures due to natural or manmade causes.

Our community has spent nearly a decade of tremendous effort from so many and have gotten us very close to the finish line. We have obtained funds from the State, from community members, from DOE and DEQ, and were even written into the Federal Budget for USDA grant. We would have had the funds we needed, also with the scope reduced, if not for the residuals of Covid which caused a spike in prices that we have been chasing ever since.

Your support at this crucial moment. *This is an earnest & sincere ask!*Please use your agency within our state government to make funding available for the sake of Mosier by supporting our community's goals of building the Mosier Community Center. We ask you to support us in all ways possible, so we can intern create a more robust community in the heart of the National Scenic Area of the Columbia Gorge.

Thank you for stepping up to serve as our representatives! Sincerely,

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