



CITY OF MOSIER
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Representative Thuy Tran
Chair, House Committee On
Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans
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Dear Madam Chair,

We write to encourage your Committee's favorable action on HB 3870 which will fund critical safety infrastructure throughout Oregon. Here in the small community of Mosier, we are surrounded by State and National Forest land, and bound by the UPRR railroad, National Scenic Area, orchards, vineyards, and grasslands. While beautiful, our setting poses grave risks to the health and safety of our community during fire season.

Over the last 5 years, we've worked to mitigate this risk by raising 75% of the cost of a new fire station and community facility, "Mosier Center." We've completed final design, acquired all the needed permits and are now shovel-ready to construct. HB 3870, Section 3 brings our public safety project to fruition and literally saves our town.

Last summer, the greater Mosier area suffered its third major wildfire in the wild land urban interface in the past five years. Also, in 2016 we experienced the catastrophic UPRR oil train derailment. Had this facility been in operation then, we could have had:

- 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 uniform support for our largely volunteer emergency response force.

On behalf of our community and the many thousands of volunteer hours behind this project, we thank you for your Committee's support for HB 3870.

Sincerely,

Witt Anderson, Mayor

Todd Reeves, President, Mosier Fire District