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Dear Senator Bonham and Representative Helfrich,

On behalf of Friends of the Columbia Gorge, I am writing to express our strong support for Mosier's Capital Construction request of \$2.5 million for the Mosier Center, a critical public safety facility and economic hub for our community. The Mosier Center is an investment in both the safety and long-term economic resilience of Mosier and the entire Columbia Gorge. The proposed Mosier Center will serve as a critical resource for enhancing fire preparedness, response capabilities, and community resilience. This facility will be utilized in the event of a fire emergency, serving as a refuge and resource center for affected residents.

The dual purpose of the community center first as shelter and basic needs during emergencies, also serves as a resource for both tourists and local businesses. By offering a dedicated space for visitor information and public meeting facilities, Mosier Center will serve as a central hub for those looking to explore the area and to learn about the rich history of Mosier. It will help bridge the gap between the influx of visitors and the small businesses that depend on their patronage.

Friends' Mosier Plateau Preserve, a key part of our Gorge Towns to Trails initiative, attracts locals and visitors from various regions to Mosier. The Mosier Center will serve as a valuable resource and central hub for these visitors, and Friends looks forward to coordinating with the City of Mosier to support the implementation of the Mosier Center to support trail access from the heart of Mosier.

We fully support the request for this important project and encourage you to prioritize its funding. The Mosier Center, with its fire station, will be an invaluable asset, strengthening both the safety and economic vitality of the Columbia Gorge region.

Sincerely,

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