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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3870

Chair Tran and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for serving the needs of communities such as ours in Mosier. I am writing to voice my strong support for HB 3870 and the City of Mosier's capital construction request of \$2.5M for the Mosier Center, a critical public safety facility and economic hub for our community.

My name is Paul Slyman and my wife and I first discovered Mosier 30 years ago and built our home in 2002 in the hills just outside of Mosier. We have seen the and appreciated the beautiful expansion of visitors and activities in the Gorge since then and the development of our small but friendly "downtown." Unfortunately, we have also witnessed the changes in our climate and the threat of wildfires to us, our neighbors and our community. We understand the importance of the Mosier Center and the benefits it can bring to small, yet valuable, communities such as ours.

Resilient communities are strong communities and support those most in need. The Mosier Center creates a focal point for our community, a gathering place, and a critically important communications and coordination center for first responders and their supporters in times of need--be that in response to wildfires, food insecurity, or winter weather events.

Thank you for supporting this request for the Mosier Center and helping us continue to be a resilient community that serves Oregonians from across the state in enjoying the Columbia River Gorge.

Sincerely,
Paul Slyman
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