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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Mosier's HB 3870 request of \$2.5 million for the Mosier Center, a critical public safety facility and economic hub for our community.

Every summer in Mosier we are reminded of the extreme fire risk facing our community and the value of creating a new community center that also houses emergency services, like our fire station and an emergency response center it's difficult to overstate.

Our current fire station is a little more than a pre-fabricated metal structure and is completely inconsistent with the magnitude of fire risks that we face or the frequency in which our mostly volunteer fire department is asked to defend homes and infrastructure. Similarly, our City Hall building is so small that you can barely fit more than five people inside it at a time for a meeting.

As someone who works with many local businesses, I'm constantly amazed at how many small but vibrant local businesses we have. The planned community center will help support many of those businesses by functioning as a valuable resource for both community members and tourists alike.

By housing what is currently a grassroots repository of historic photographs and memorabilia, the planned community center will also provide an important link to Mosier's history as a thriving agricultural community which continues today.

Thank you very much for considering these comments, I hope you will support this important addition to our community.

Sincerely,

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