

March 28, 2025

House Committee on Emergency Management, Gen. Gov., and Veterans

RE: Support inclusion of Mosier Community Center in HB 3870

Dear Committee Members,

As a local business owner with 13 employees, I am writing to encourage you to support funding construction of the Mosier Community Center, located in rural Wasco County. The \$2.5 million dollars included in Section 3 of the bill is the critical last step towards making the City of Mosier's Joint Use Facility a reality. The capital construction request would provide a critical public safety facility and, as a side benefit, create an important economic hub for our community.

While Mosier has been growing in recent years, we have a near complete lack of any modern fire and emergency response facility despite having some of the State's highest fire risks and a dependency on Highway 84 as our only real ingress and egress. The City has done a great job of raising a majority of the funds needed to complete this project, but there is no doubt we need the State of Oregon to join us at this point and push this important project over the finish line.

Mosier and the surrounding rural community in Wasco County would greatly benefit from the planned joint use facility not just because of the added emergency response and city government functions it would provide, but the facility would also help support and encourage local businesses.

Thank you for considering this request and helping make the Mosier Joint Use facility a reality.

Sincerely,



Brent Foster

