

**Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction**  
**Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St NE**  
**Salem, OR 97301**

**Dear Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Nosse, and Members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction,**

On behalf of those who care deeply about the future of downtown Portland and the vitality of Oregon's cultural and educational infrastructure, I am writing to express strong support for Portland State University's request to authorize \$85 million in Article-G Bonds for the Performing Arts + Culture Center (PACC).

With the City of Portland's commitment to construct a new, modern venue ahead of retrofitting the Keller Auditorium, the PACC represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity. Situated on the PSU campus, this new facility will anchor a dynamic arts and education district in the heart of downtown, reinvigorating the city while serving communities across the state.

The PACC is more than a building—it is a strategic investment that will:

- Signal that Portland is once again a vibrant hub for culture, education, and innovation;
- Provide much-needed access to performance and learning spaces for PSU students and Oregon's K-12 community;
- Expand opportunities for artists and audiences statewide by offering inclusive, accessible venues;
- Drive job creation—supporting thousands of construction roles and sustaining careers in the arts and venue operations;
- Activate one of the last remaining large-scale development sites in downtown Portland.

Now is the time to invest in a bold vision for Oregon's future. I urge your support for the Capital Construction Bond Request and the Performing Arts + Culture Center at Portland State University.

**Sincerely,**

**Grant Ritchie**