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April 29, 2025

Joint Ways and Means Co-Chairs 900 Court Street Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse,

I am writing today in support of, and on behalf of Oregon Tech's capital construction project request for the Semon Hall renovation. It is my understanding that Semon Hall has not been updated since it was built in 1965, and modern facilities are critical within the applied sciences area of study to ensure student success and achievement.

This capital project will allow Oregon Tech to modernize facilities and also expand their Dental Hygiene Program, which is helping to address a critical workforce need across the state. In addition to the studies aspect, the Dental Hygiene Clinic housed in Semon Hall provides oral health services to citizens in the broader Klamath Community.

The benefits of Oregon Tech's Dental Hygiene Clinic in the City of Klamath Falls are tangible and of great value. So, not only is Oregon Tech meeting unmet oral health needs within our community but it is providing students with the benefits of hands-on experience and training. It's a win-win for the City of Klamath Falls, Klamath County, and the students.

Oregon Tech is an integral part of our community, and we value their partnership in serving the residents of the City of Klamath Falls. I, along with our greater City Community, urge your kind support for Oregon Tech's Semon Hall Capital Construction Project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan Teichert City Manager