

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

My name is Zoey, and I am a staff person in the College of the Arts at Portland State University. I'm writing to voice my strong support for Portland State University's request for \$85 million in Article XI-G bonds to help fund the development of the Performing Arts and Culture Center (PACC).

My background is in art and I have always been a strong supporter of the Arts and creative endeavors as a whole. I believe creative expression to be one of the best tools for education, and the forming of community.

This once-in-a-century opportunity will create a nationally distinct performing arts and education hub in the heart of downtown Portland. This project is not just about replacing a building—it's about transforming our city.

This is a smart, strategic investment with many linked benefits, including:

- **Revitalizing downtown Portland**, attracting residents, businesses, and visitors
- **Strengthening the arts ecosystem** with accessible venues for diverse artists and organizations
- **Supporting Oregon's students** with transformative learning and career opportunities in the performing arts
- **Creating and preserving good jobs**—including union jobs at Keller and more than 2,000 new construction jobs
- **Attracting additional investment** and unlock the potential of surrounding developable land

I urge you to fully fund PSU's \$85 million request. Let's invest in the arts, in students, and in the future of downtown Portland.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,
Zoey Chiland