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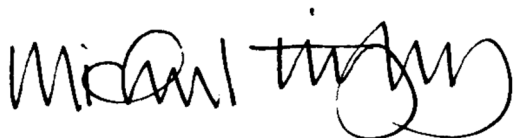
April 30, 2025

Dear State of Oregon Capital Committee Members:

As a principal of Bora Architects, a vibrant architectural practice of 60 years based in Portland, Oregon and a strong, engaged and supportive member of the arts and cultural community of our state, I am writing in support of the authorization of Article G Bonds on behalf of the Portland State University Arts and Culture Center. This is a critical project for the City of Portland and for the arts and culture ecosystem of the State of Oregon. We need to invest in Portland to uphold its role as a symbolic representation of the vibrancy, energy and creative vitality of the state of Oregon. Portland has helped drive economic vitality and growth for our entire state and its economy and we cannot take it for granted. The economy of Portland and Oregon is manifest in numerous creative industries that rely on talented individuals and the culture that attracts and supports them. Portland and Oregon are both seen as a national creative and innovation hub, well beyond our size, because we have consistently supported the vision of people who want to make a better and more forward looking future.

The arts are much more than entertainment, they are the creative engine that attracts talent, residents and businesses. They are essential to our identity as a place of community, and innovation. Your support of this project will send a critical signal of the importance of the arts to our state and our economy and in turn leverage the support of individual donors, the City of Portland and Multnomah County, such that your investment will unlock other sources of significant financial backing that will be transformative for Portland, for its economy and the return of economic investment in the City Center. This strategic investment has the power to be so impactful and I urge you to vote in support of the arts, in support of creativity, community and economic vitality for all Oregonians. There is no more important project you can invest in at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Tingley". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Michael Tingley, FAIA
Principal
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