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

My name is Anna Burnette, and I am the Executive Assistant to the Dean of PSU's College of the Arts. 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).

I've worked in the College of the Arts at Portland State University for over 12 years. Every day I see the impact that our faculty and students have on the community of Portland and on each other. This is an inspiring place to work. Our students are vibrant and our faculty are passionate experts in their fields. This is also a busy place to work. Each day brings a new student or faculty performance, exhibit, viewing or lecture. And working in administration, I know firsthand that our existing performance spaces are highly sought after by the community of Portland and beyond for their events. The College of the Arts is truly at the forefront of the revitalization of downtown Portland.

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,

Anna Burnette  
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