

Southern OREGON UNIVERSITY

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

TESTIMONY RELATED TO UNIVERSITY CAPITAL REQUESTS

Offered by Gary Lundgren

Co-Chair Nosse, Co-Chair Girod and members of the Capital Construction Subcommittee:

My name is Gary Lundgren and I am a longtime filmmaker living and working in Ashland, Oregon. I'm so excited about Southern Oregon University's Creative Industries complex proposal.

The college has been close to my heart since 2007 when we came up from LA and filmed our first movie here called CALVIN MARSHALL, a baseball comedy starring Steve Zahn. We provided internships for many of the students and have been a supporter of their cinema program ever since.

Now having filmed six feature films in Southern Oregon, along with numerous commercials, documentaries, TV shows and music videos, we have employed many SOU graduates and have provided professional opportunities for students whenever possible. The program improves every year with a strong faculty and mission. This new creative complex feels like a critical next step to help ensure the program continues to serve the needs of cinema students well into the future.

This term I am helping Megan Isser and Christopher Lucas run their incredible Crew Experience program, so I am seeing first-hand how much students would benefit from larger, more advanced creative and studio spaces. The industry continues to evolve with new technologies and emerging media, that staying ahead of the curve is imperative. Not only would the complex enhance the ability of students to succeed, but it would also support the filmmaking infrastructures that are still thriving in the Southern Oregon region.

Thank you for your favorable consideration, and I am happy to be contacted for any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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