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**Joint Committee on Capital Construction**

Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Letter of Support for Western Oregon University's \$1.4 Million Article F Bond Request**

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Capital Construction,

I am writing to express my strong support for Western Oregon University's (WOU) \$1.4 million Article F Bond Request, which will fund crucial improvements to the recreational field and facilities on campus.

As a proud alumnus of Western Oregon University and the current head coach of West Salem High School's lacrosse team, I'm writing to express my strong support for the installation of a new turf field at WOU.

Our team currently uses the field at Western Oregon for practices and games due to the lack of available turf fields in Salem. This partnership has been invaluable to our program—but as demand for high-quality field space continues to grow, the need for a reliable, weather-resistant surface is more urgent than ever.

Upgrading to turf would benefit not only WOU's student clubs and intramural sports but also high school and youth programs like ours who rely on your facilities. Turf increases field availability year-round, reduces maintenance costs, and allows for more consistent scheduling—especially during Oregon's rainy seasons.

As a former WOU lacrosse player, it's inspiring to see the university continue to grow. A turf field would reflect WOU's commitment to supporting recreational, sports, and community partnerships, while also enhancing its ability to attract and retain top club sports players.

Thank you for considering this much-needed improvement. I look forward to seeing Western Oregon lead the way in creating a stronger recreation, sports, and community environment for years to come.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hochspeier

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Western Oregon Lacrosse Alumnus