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On Behalf Of: CoRAA
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Dear Capital Construction Subcommittee,

I am writing to show my support for the Lane County Coalition of Recreation, Arts, and Athletics (CoRAA). I support the Emerald Valley Pickleball Foundation, and CoRAA is helping us construct a state-of-the-art pickleball facility, as part of a public-private partnership with Lane Community College.

I know that many difficult decisions will be made this legislative session, but I encourage you to support CoRAA. All of CoRAA's projects have preventative healthcare benefits (both physical and mental), economic development impact, and will greatly enhance the quality of life here in Lane County. We need positive projects that bring the community together. The benefits of Recreation are well know, and specifically the enormous impact on the health, and well-being of people of ALL AGES that play pickleball have been documented repeatedly.

The groups that make up CoRAA have raised \$21 million dollars and are requesting \$6.34 million to COMPLETE seven important capital projects, in both urban and rural areas of Lane County. It is time for the our representatives to approve these positive and impactful projects with the lottery funds that are designated for capital projects.

Thank you for your time and service to Oregonians and for your support of this important coalition.