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I am writing to show my support for the Lane County Coalition of Recreation, Arts, and Athletics (CoRAA). I live outside of Cottage Grove and bring my grandchild into town, to the Bohemia Park, in order for her to play with other children. Since we live in an isolated area with no other children or nearby neighbors, this park provides us with positive socializing opportunities. I support the Bohemia Foundation. I am grateful that CoRAA is helping the community complete north-end improvements at Bohemia Park.

Bohemia Park is the site of many of Cottage Grove's most important gatherings, and the new developments will offer free access to even more amenities for area youth and families.

For many families, access to community gathering places like the one envisioned for Bohemian Park offers young families an opportunity to provide creative activities for children and a chance for young parents to exchange parenting ideas and grow a support system. For older youth, the park provides a safe familiar space to engage with each other and encounter the many age groups present. The presence of many age groups at the park will foster a sense of belonging, ethical behaviors and accountability,

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), tremendous economic development impact, and will greatly enhance the quality of life here in Lane County.

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.

Thank you for your time and service to Oregonians and for your support of this important coalition. Amanda Wilcox, artist and community advocate