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I encourage every member on this committee to support the Lane County Coalition of Recreation, Arts, and Athletics (CoRAA). I have been a life long resident of Cottage Grove and the Bohemia Foundation has worked diligently to create a space for our community that is amazing. It draws tourists and the funds through CoRAA would help complete the north-end improvements to Bohemia Park.

I personally, am the Goose Mural Chairperson, The Goose was an excursion train that ran here in Cottage Grove, which drew tens of thousands of visitors to our community. The community effort to bring back the Goose in the form of a mural was totally funded and will be painted soon on the new restroom that sits at 10th and Main Street.

Bohemia Park has become a hub of our community and the funds from CoRAA would help our community the plan to offer free amenities for our youth and families. Plus, it will be a way to teach others about the history of our community as the improvements depict the historic scene at the corner of 10th & Main, with the added bonus of youth activity at the site.

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.

Regards,

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