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Hello Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse, and Members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction,

I'm writing to you today to express my strong support for investing in the Salmonberry Trail. This project is an exciting chance to create an 82-mile, safe, and accessible trail that connects the Oregon Coast and the Willamette Valley.

I have supported this project myself both financially and through volunteer work since its inception. As an avid cyclist, I hope to one day be able to ride by bike from my home near Portland to the Oregon coast safely along this trail. Please help make my dreams a reality.

The Salmonberry Trail will bring many benefits to Oregonians. It'll boost local economies by bringing in more tourists, promote public health by encouraging active recreation, and improve transportation safety for those who don't have safe alternatives to busy highways. It'll also make it easier for people from rural communities to get outside and enjoy nature, especially since they've historically seen less investment in recreational infrastructure.

As the state decides what to fund, I urge you to include the Salmonberry Trail. This is a smart, future-focused investment that will benefit Oregon for generations to come.

Thanks for your leadership.

Best Regards, John T. Miner Oak Grove, Oregon