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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to show my support for the Lane County Coalition of Recreation, Arts, and Athletics (CoRAA). I live in Oakridge and am a longtime supporter of the Willamette Activity Center, and CoRAA is helping the community rehabilitate the WAC.

Prior to its closing the WAC was the site of many of Oakridge's valuable social services, which have since been forced to relocate or no longer operate. The site can also serve as home to a much-needed medical clinic and emergency operations hub. 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.