Submitter: Tim Lay

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On

Capital Construction

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Topic:

I am writing to express my support for the Lane County Coalition of Recreation, Arts and Athletics (CoRRA). The initiatives undertaken by CoRRA will yield significant benefits in physical and mental health, economic development, and overall quality of life. As an avid pickleball player for the past five years, I have witnessed the positive impact that supporting this activity has had on the health and wellbeing of our community members. The combination of physical exercise and social interaction is truly life-changing for those who engage in the sport. Our local municipalities have transformed underutilized tennis courts in parks and schools into vibrant hubs for pickleball. These courts attract a diverse range of participants, from children and teenagers to parents and grandparents, drawing hundreds of people a day. However, these facilities are now experiencing accelerated wear and tear due to increased usage. One of CoRRA's projects will build a centralized facility to further enhance the social and physical benefits for our community. The dedicated team behind CoRRA has already raised \$21 million, but this amount falls short of the required funding. We are seeking your assistance in raising an additional \$6.34 million to complete seven crucial capital projects. Thank you for your continued efforts, and I hope you will consider supporting our team in this important endeavor.