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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or SB5531  
Topic:

Dear Capital Construction Subcommittee,

I am writing to show my support for the Lane County Coalition of Recreation, Arts, and Athletics (CoRAA). I support the Emerald Valley Pickleball Foundation, and CoRAA is helping us construct a state-of-the-art pickleball facility, as part of a public-private partnership with Lane Community College.

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), economic development impact, and will greatly enhance the quality of life here in Lane County. Personally, pickleball in many ways has saved my life. Following the death of both of my parents, I relocated to Lane County from Southern Oregon. I was 85 pounds heavier, was extremely depressed, and had never heard of the game; that was in 2019. Fast forward to now: not only am I healthier both physically and emotionally, but I have found a family of pickleball players; I have 93 contacts in my phone with the last name of "Pickleball"! Of those 93 contacts I knew ONE prior to playing pickleball. My story is not unique; if you talk to a group of pickleball players there's will be a similar story. Pickleball creates community, provides both physical and mental health benefits, and is just FUN!

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.