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To: Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair

Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair

Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

From: Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

Re: Support for House Bill 2858 and House Bill 3084

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse, and Members of the Subcommittee,

As the Sheriff of Jefferson County, I see firsthand the critical need for improved emergency coordination and training infrastructure in Central Oregon. Every day, local emergency managers and first responders work together to prepare for the next disaster, whether it's wildfire, flood, pandemic, or the looming Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. That responsibility falls on a relatively small group of professionals at the local level, often with limited resources and facilities.

We appreciated the Legislature's \$9.5 million investment in 2022 for the Central Oregon Ready, Responsive, Resilient facility, CORE3. That support has helped launch a regional effort to strengthen Oregon's preparedness. I strongly support **House Bill 2858** and **House Bill 3084** as the next critical steps in that investment.

These bills would fund the construction of a dedicated Emergency Coordination Center and multidisciplinary training campus, resources that do not currently exist in Central Oregon but are urgently needed. Redmond is geographically positioned to serve as a major hub for statewide rescue and recovery operations during large-scale disasters. CORE3 will provide the foundation for that work, offering a seismically sound center for coordination, and a place where agencies from all levels can train together for the complex emergencies we know are coming.

Construction of the site infrastructure is set to begin this summer. With state support through HB 2858 and HB 3084, we can build on the momentum of the initial \$9.5 million investment, along with nearly \$14 million in local funding and \$1.75 million in federal support. This is a smart, forward-thinking investment that will pay dividends in saved lives and disasters managed more effectively.

On behalf of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, I urge your support of HB 2858 and HB 3084. These bills are a meaningful step toward building the resilience Oregon needs.

Sincerely,

Jason Pollock

Sheriff, Jefferson County, Oregon

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Pollock", is written over the printed name and title.