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On Behalf Of:

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

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

As a long-time resident of Forest Grove and as a cyclist, I'm writing to express my strong support for state investment in the Salmonberry Trail. This project represents an exciting opportunity to create an 82-mile, safe, and accessible trail connecting the Oregon Coast and the Willamette Valley.

The Salmonberry Trail will bring a range of benefits to Oregonians—boosting local economies through increased tourism, promoting public health through active recreation, and improving transportation safety for those who currently lack safe alternatives to busy highways. It also creates equitable access to the outdoors, especially for rural communities that have historically seen less investment in recreational infrastructure. We have already seen, in the Banks to Vernonia Trail, a great example of how this kind of project can be successful and a bring much needed revenue to rural communities.

As the state considers funding priorities, I urge you to include the Salmonberry Trail. This is a smart, future-focused investment that will serve Oregon for generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Robert Stout