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To: Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair

Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair

Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction

From: City of Prineville

RE: City of Prineville Water System Improvements Capital Funding Request

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse and Committee Members,

The City of Prineville is facing a critical need to upgrade its water infrastructure to meet the growing demands of its residents, businesses, and emergency services. Aging infrastructure, particularly the Ochoco booster pump station and a 500,000-gallon water storage reservoir, is no longer sufficient to support the community's current needs and poses significant risks for fire safety and long-term viability. The city's commitment to ensuring safe, reliable, and sustainable water services requires urgent action to replace and rehabilitate this infrastructure.

The project involves replacement of one booster pump station and rehabilitation of a 500,000 gallon water storage reservoir. Project benefits include:

- Improved fire safety by ensuring sufficient fire flow capacity
- Enhanced system reliability to reduce the risk of service failures and improve reliability of municipal water service
- Support for residential and economic growth
- Long term costs savings through reduced maintenance requirements, fewer system failures, and lower operational costs over time

The City of Prineville has submitted a capital funding request for \$1,500,000 for this project. The total project cost is \$2 million with \$500,000 in matching funds from the City. I respectfully encourage your strong support for funding this critical project.

Sincerely,

Caroline Ervin

Director of Strategy & Economic Development