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My name is Rebecca Mendez, I'm the plant manager for Wilsonart in Klamath Falls, OR. Today I'd like to speak in support of retaining and expanding the Oregon Investment Advantage program at Business Oregon.

Wilsonart is a global company, specializing in engineered surfaces. We are headquartered in Texas, and when we were looking to expand to the west coast, we chose to break ground in Klamath Falls, OR. This happened in October of 2020 and this program is one of the contributing factors that made our company choose Oregon. The potential tax advantages helped push this location over other states that were also looked at for us to expand to.

As a resident of Klamath County for my whole life, I can also say that these programs help boost the local economy by bringing in better paying jobs that are stable and helps diversify the revenue streams of the area.

Thank you for your time.