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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 21**



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Dear Co-Chairs Sanchez and Lieber,

I am writing to request your support for funding Phase One of the **Keizer Fire / Marion County Fire Joint Public Safety Resilience Station**, a cooperative project between Keizer Fire District and Marion County Fire District #1.

This project represents what is believed to be the first fully integrated, jointly staffed fire and EMS response and resilience center in Oregon, built from the ground up and operated 24/7 by career firefighters from two adjoining fire districts. It reflects the growing costs and complexities of emergency response in urban, suburban, and wildland–urban interface environments.

Keizer Fire and Marion County Fire already provide mutual aid on a weekly—often daily—basis and regularly conduct joint training to ensure seamless emergency response. A jointly occupied fire station is the next logical step in this long-standing partnership and will improve operational efficiency and community resilience.

Population growth, increasing 9-1-1 call volumes, and projected residential development clearly indicate the need for additional fire station capacity north of the City of Keizer to meet national response-time standards.

Marion County Fire District Station 6 (Clear Lake) is landlocked and too small to meet current or future demand. Originally designed as a volunteer home-response station, it cannot be expanded to accommodate modern operational needs. Likewise, the Keizer Fire District has outgrown its single central station, with firefighters sleeping in converted spaces and apparatus housed off-site. Keizer needs a second station.

Both districts require a station in the same geographic area—near their shared boundary in Marion County, north of Keizer. Rather than constructing two separate facilities, they are working together to build a joint station that maximizes public investment.

The proposed facility also includes space for law enforcement, 9-1-1 services, and other disaster-response partners, along with flexible space for training, resilience planning, and coordinated regional emergency response, including a secondary EOC.

Early state investment would provide critical endorsement of this innovative approach and support ongoing efforts to secure federal funding.

I respectfully ask for your support in funding Phase One of the **Keizer Fire / Marion County Fire Joint Public Safety Resilience Station.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Representative Kevin L. Mannix