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Co-Chairs of the Capital Construction Subcommittee
Joint Ways and Means Committee
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Girod and Representative Nosse,

Thank you for bringing up the important topic of building new and greatly needed emergency infrastructure in the greater Salem area. As President of Marion County Professional Firefighters Union Local 2557 I can confidently say that our 65-person local completely supports the idea of building a jointly staffed station between Keizer Fire District and Marion County Fire District 1.

Over recent years KFD and MCFD#1 have been working closer together in multiple ways to better our service to the citizens by decreasing response times and improving services while wisely spending the tax dollars allocated to us by the voters. We have already made a similar step in working together by jointly responding from Marion County Station 6 located at 8005 Wheatland Rd in north Keizer. A new station strategically located between our two fire districts would be another big step in the direction of meeting the needs of not only the citizens of Salem but also the millions of other Oregonians and visitors from around the nation as they travel up and down Interstate 5.

The budgeting of new infrastructure is a very big hurdle, especially for Fire Districts due to the unstable levy and bond cycles we are lawfully bound to follow since measures 5, 47 and 50. A new station would be a huge financial relief in strategic planning for both our Districts. As professional firefighters we work a 48/96 work schedule, this means we are at work for 48 hours straight and off for the 96. We know the value of having a clean, reliable, less crowded work area that puts us closer to the increasing demands put upon us to get there quicker and to perform better as the Salem area grows.

So, on behalf of the Professional Firefighters of Local 2557 and the citizens of Salem we fully support the Keizer Fire and Marion County Fire Joint Response and Resilience Station.

Sincerely,

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