

Submitter: Carrie Boltz
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction
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Topic:

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Carrie Boltz. I am a Josephine County business owner operating a vineyard and ranch tourism destination, a downtown cannabis retail business, and I serve on the Board of Main Street Grants Pass. I am writing in strong support of state participation in the sewer infrastructure project for Spalding Industrial Park.

Spalding Industrial Park contains acres of industrial-zoned land that cannot be developed because sewer infrastructure is not in place. Without utilities, that land cannot generate jobs, tax revenue, or economic growth.

From my work in agriculture, tourism, and downtown retail, I see firsthand how family-wage jobs strengthen every part of our local economy. When people have stable employment, they support small businesses, invest in their community, and contribute to long-term stability. Industrial employers bring outside dollars into Josephine County — and that benefits everyone.

This project is shovel-ready. Engineering is complete. The City is committing significant local matching funds. The only remaining barrier is state participation.

Bringing \$2 million in state investment into our County will unlock private development, expand our tax base, and reduce pressure on residential taxpayers. Rural communities must compete for these opportunities, and we must speak up.

I respectfully urge your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carrie Boltz
Josephine County Business Owner
Board Member, Main Street Grants Pass