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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or SB5701
Topic:

Honorable Members of the Subcommittee,

I am writing to urge your strong support for the \$2 million capital construction funding request for the Spalding Industrial Park Sewer Infrastructure Project in Grants Pass. As a real estate broker with nearly a decade of prior experience in residential construction and project management, I can attest that the absence of this critical infrastructure is the single greatest barrier to unlocking significant economic development in our region.

Our community has dozens of acres of valuable, industrially zoned land that remain dormant. This is not due to a lack of private sector interest, but to a fundamental infrastructure deficit. The City of Grants Pass has already completed the engineering and committed significant local matching funds, making this project a shovel-ready, high-leverage investment for the state. By providing the final piece of funding, you will empower private capital to develop this land, attracting manufacturers, logistics firms, and other traded-sector employers that create stable, family-wage jobs.

This project is a direct, fiscally responsible path to expanding our local property tax base, reducing the long-term burden on residential taxpayers, and creating a more resilient, diversified economy for Josephine County. It is a prime example of how targeted state investment in rural infrastructure can remove structural barriers and catalyze private investment. I strongly encourage you to approve this funding request and send a clear signal that rural Oregon is ready for growth.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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