

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction

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I am in strong support of State revenues helping to support the Spaulding Industrial Park Sewer Infrastructure Project in Grants Pass. I have been a business and property owner in GP for over 30 years and am currently the GP City Council President. My children and grandchildren currently live, work and own property and businesses in GP as well. Since the fall of the timber industry the business mix in Grants Pass is and has been too heavily weighted towards retail as contrasted to wholesale traded sector endeavors. From an economic driver perspective, unfortunately new retail businesses often just slice an existing pie into smaller pieces. Grants Pass desperately needs more traded sector businesses that will create family wage jobs and support our tax base. Spaulding Industrial Park has the ability to do that if we finish installing the necessary infrastructure. Frankly, the Covid catastrophe followed by our homeless situation has been very challenging for the Grants Pass local government. Grants Pass does not lack entrepreneurial spirit or leadership, we lack business ready industrial lands. The Spaulding project will be a game changer for us.

Thanks you for your strong consideration. GP needs some help from our State partners.

Sincerely, Rob Pell