



# OREGON STATE FIRE FIGHTERS COUNCIL

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Senator Leiber and Representative Sanchez,

I am writing to express my strong support for the \$778,000 funding request submitted by Representative Kevin Mannix for the initial land acquisition and design of a new Joint Public Safety and Resilience Station in Keizer.

This project represents a critical, forward-thinking investment in the safety and future growth of the Keizer community and the surrounding Marion County area. The proposed facility, supported by the Keizer City Council, the Keizer Fire District, and Marion County Fire District 1, is essential for several reasons:

**Improved Safety & Mental Health:** The current facilities are overcrowded, which negatively impacts the well-being and mental health of our first responders. As the union representing Keizer firefighters noted, their fire station is "our home two out of every six days." A modern facility is necessary to maintain their health, safety, and performance.

**Operational Efficiencies:** The joint project will allow for better collaboration between the Keizer Fire District and Marion County Fire District 1, creating necessary efficiencies, sharing resources, and providing, for the first time, dedicated training space for local police agencies.

**Strategic Growth & Resilience:** The proposed North Keizer location is strategically positioned in a high-growth area. This project is not just a building; it is a resilience station designed to handle community growth, including potential urban growth boundary expansions.

**Forward-Thinking Financial Strategy:** The agencies are seeking state funding to start, rather than relying immediately on local taxpayers, and are exploring a multi-year, phased approach that is mindful of local and state economics.

As described by city leadership, this project is a "game changing" opportunity to move beyond past challenges and provide a modern, collaborative home for our first responders.

I urge the approval of this initial funding request to initiate this vital public safety infrastructure project.

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