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Dear Members of the Capital Construction Committee,

I am writing to you in my capacity as a Portland City Councilor to ask you to support the Community Economic Coalition's (CEC) \$1 million request to support the purchase of a near-vacant building on SE Burnside for conversion into the Burnside CEC Hub.

The Black, Hispanic, Native American, and Philippine-American Chambers that together make up the CEC are well established organizations that have worked in our communities for decades to support entrepreneurship and economic development. They have a proven track record of delivery, enabling businesses from some of our most economically distressed communities to grow and thrive.

Supporting small and micro-businesses has never been more important. Our state is facing serious economic challenges, and when businesses go under, families have a harder time putting food on the table and making rent. In the end, that puts pressure on public services and costs taxpayers far more than it would to help those businesses stay open.

The CEC Burnside Hub would enable the CEC to consolidate its functions, improve its ability to deliver business and technical support, activate space in a building that has been severely underutilized for several years, and bring 50 FTE living wage jobs to the area, increasing footfall and boosting overall economic vitality.

As Portland looks for ways to regenerate its economy, we need community-centered, grassroots solutions that give ordinary working people control over their economic futures. The CEC Burnside Hub is a low-cost, high-return investment in Portland, and Oregon's economic regeneration and we urge you to support it.

Sincerely,

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