



February 13, 2026

Co-Chair Senator Fred Girod

Co-Chair Representative Rod Nosse

Members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction of the
Joint Committee on Ways and Means of the Oregon State Legislature

Dear Senator Girod and Representative Nosse:

As the President of the Board of Main Street Mosier, I am writing to ask for your support for state funding for the Mosier Center, a critical public safety facility and economic hub for our community and the greater Columbia Gorge community.

Main Street Mosier is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) non-profit with a Board of Directors comprised of residents, and business owners. Our Mission is “To improve the quality of life in Mosier through community development, sustainable businesses, and historical preservation.” We are an Affiliated Member of Oregon Main Street, under Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and have adopted the America Main Street model for downtown revitalization. Last year our organization contributed over 2,000 volunteer hours toward the betterment of Mosier through events, support of local businesses with networking/training opportunities and downtown beautification work.

Main Street Mosier is the fiscal sponsor of the Mosier Center. We have been instrumental in providing a conduit for individuals and smaller foundations to donate to the proposed construction of the Mosier Center.

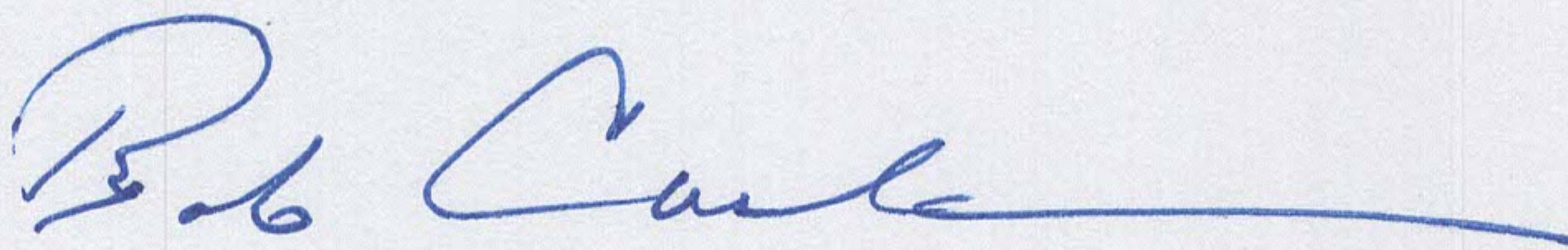
My wife and I purchased our first home in Mosier in 2016 and we are both active volunteers in the community. In the short time we have been a part of this wonderful community, we have seen first-hand the impacts wildfires have had on Mosier and surrounding communities. Evacuations, rolling power outages and smoke have plagued Mosier in three of the past four summers. Our local businesses have suffered significant economic losses due to these events.

The Mosier Fire District is part of a network of fire districts that protect the Columbia Gorge, a globally unique geological, hydrological, habitat, and cultural environment. Our current fire facilities are antiquated and too small to house modern firefighting equipment. Mosier Fire District desperately needs a modern fire facility that can house the types of equipment needed to fight wildfires. Mosier Center will provide a centralized, fully equipped facility that will result in improved wildfire response times, immediate access to specialty equipment and a central/accessible command center and shelter.

Main Street Mosier fully supports the funding request for this important project, and we hope that you will help us make the Mosier Center a reality for the safety of our residents and the vitality of our community. The Mosier Center Joint Use Facility will be an invaluable asset, strengthening both the safety and economic vitality of Mosier and the Columbia Gorge region.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to assist in the funding of this critical project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Cushman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Cushman, Board President, Main Street Mosier

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