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Dear Representative Nosse and Joint Committee on Capital Construction,

Thank you so much for your representation of our rural coastal communities in the Oregon legislature. Now more than ever, we need you.

I want to take a moment to let you know what Consejo Hispano means to me. I regularly rely on the Consejo Hispano staff to be the glue that keeps our community together, the bridge between cultures, and a calming force in times of divisiveness. Consejo Hispano staff increasingly serve as educators, culture brokers, and mediators to a much broader swath of the community. Meanwhile, they continue to collaborate on and offer engaging and educational programs such as summer educational STEAM programming for youth and drivers' education support for adults. The services they provide our community are essential.

Oregon Shores has a long history of partnership with Consejo Hispano. Together, we engage, educate, and empower people to foster a healthy, resilient coastal environment where both nature and communities thrive. With legislative support, Casa Mariposa, a former church in Astoria, would become a permanent stable home for essential community services. With that support and need for home met, we can continue to proactively engage and inspire our communities together.

I can't think of a more valuable capital construction effort that will reap so much more in benefits to our communities than any of us could imagine. If you want to hear more about the incredible, essential work that Consejo Hispano does on the daily for our community, let me know.

Sincerely,

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