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State of Oregon Legislature
Senator Fred Girod, Senator Rob Nosse
Co-Vice Chair Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court St. NE
Salem OR 97301

Re: Support of House Bill 5204

Dear Committee Members,

As a County Commissioner, I write to urge your strong support for House Bill 5204.

These much-needed funds are critical to sustaining and strengthening horse racing in Crook County. Passage of HB 5204 will provide essential resources to maintain our horse racetracks and fairground buildings, as well as preserve and improve infrastructure that enhances and protects the safety and well-being of racehorses. These improvements are not simply investments in facilities, they are investments in animal welfare, public safety, and the long-term vitality of our local agricultural community.

Our County Fairgrounds serve as an important economic and cultural hub for residents, families, and visitors. Ensuring that our facilities remain safe, functional, and prepared for future growth is vital. With your support, we can make necessary upgrades and improvements that will allow us to responsibly maintain our traditions while preparing for the future.

I encourage you to continue your commitment to County Fairgrounds and rural communities by voting in favor of HB 5204. Your support will help ensure our fairgrounds remain strong, sustainable, and ready to serve generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

X 
Brian Barney
County Commissioner