



February 12, 2014

Co-Chair Senator Fred Girod
900 Court St. NE, S-401
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Girod,

I am writing to support the one-time capital request from the Beaverton Community Health Collaborative (BCHC) that will be before the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction on Friday, February 14, 2014. As a committed member of the BCHC since its inception nearly three years ago, Pacific University supports the one-time capital request for \$3,000,000 in lottery bond funding for an integrated health and wellness center to be located in the City of Beaverton.

Pacific has provided a signed a letter of intent as a member of the collaborative, and from our perspective, this project is operationally sustainable. This model is important to the students and the patients that we serve, and will allow us to better prepare leaders in innovative, integrated, team-based healthcare, which is central to our core mission. We are especially eager for our students to learn hands on clinical practice in a unique model of care that is not widely available to them, thereby training the next generation of healthcare providers for contemporary practice and better preparing Oregon's healthcare workforce to the benefit of those we serve in Beaverton and throughout the State, including those students who will graduate from our health professions programs to practice in your district.

Thank you for the privilege of your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Barr-Gillespie".

Ann Barr-Gillespie, DPT, PhD
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