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The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney
The Honorable Representative Nancy Nathanson
Co-Chairs, Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court St. NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Senator Courtney and Representative Nathanson,

This letter is to express our support for Governor Brown's December 4th, 2017 request (enclosed) for bond authorization to support three capital projects during the upcoming legislative session. The three projects are: Academic Building 2 at Oregon State University-Cascades, Science Campus at the University of Oregon, and Fieldhouse Facility at Eastern Oregon University.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission reviewed each of the Governor-recommended projects prior to the 2017 legislative session. As a result of this review, these projects were included in both our Agency Recommended Budget to the Governor and the Governor's Recommended Budget to the Legislative Assembly. We believe that these three projects continue to be of substantial benefit to Oregon students and residents and should be reconsidered by the Assembly during the 2018 session that begins this February.

We note that the Commission did not undertake a special process for reviewing capital requests and making new recommendations prior to the 2018 session. Our purpose today is to convey our continued support for projects we proposed in 2017, that were not fully funded at that time, and that have been re-requested by the Governor. We continue to believe those projects represent potential investments of substantial merit and benefit to individual institutions and the state at large.

Sincerely,

Ben Cannon
Executive Director

Neil Bryant
Chair