

February 17th, 2017  
**House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce**  
Representative Jeff Reardon, Chair  
900 Court Street NE, Room 431  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**RE: Support for HB 2782 – Full Funding of OSU-Cascades Expansion**  
Chair Reardon and Members of the Committee:


We, the undersigned, **request the Committee to approve Full Funding of OSU-Cascades Expansion.**

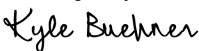
Bend's economy, formerly driven by real estate and forestry related industries, is now a powerhouse of innovative companies in diverse industries and markets. According to the Milken Institute, Bend ranked number one among small cities in their 2016 Best-Performing Cities index, due to wage growth, number of high tech companies and job growth. Yesterday, Bend was ranked number one on LendingTree's list of fast-changing U.S. communities.

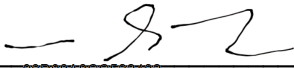
The key issue for sustaining growth for companies in Bend is a qualified, college-educated work force. Due to a dearth of talent in Central Oregon, we are forced to recruit from outside the area, mostly out-of-state, to fuel our growth.


The campus plan as outlined by OSU-Cascades (that requires the full funding for the expansion) will create a world-class four-year university which can meet Central Oregon's demand for college educated employees.

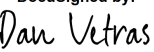
We're only a part of the burgeoning Bend tech ecosystem, but our voices reflect the sentiment of over 200 tech companies in Central Oregon.  
Sincerely, the undersigned:

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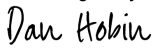
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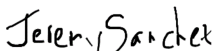
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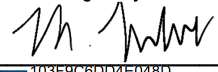
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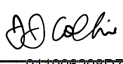
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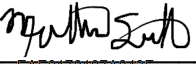
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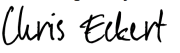
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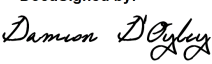
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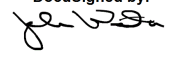
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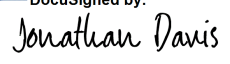
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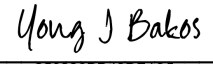
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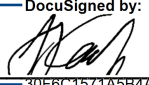
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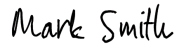
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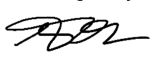
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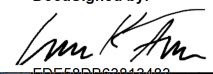
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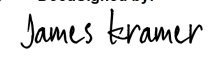
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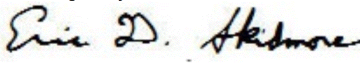
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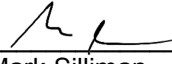
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