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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Chad Prucha, the lead architect at Cayuse Technologies, which is a tribally owned, minority certified enterprise service provider based in Pendleton. We currently employ over 200 people in Pendleton and the surrounding areas.

We write today to support the concept behind Senate Bill 872 to create an Oregon Department of Information Technology. Here's why.

Cayuse Technologies is a homegrown Oregon company that has concentrated its resources on hiring Oregonians with a range of skills – from providing onshore services, contract staffing and technology support. I lead the Cayuse team that works with Oracle platforms. We are ready and eager to assist the State of Oregon to take advantage of the resources made available through the Oracle settlement.

The advantage of using companies like us is that the work we do is done in Oregon, by Oregonians and on behalf of an Oregon company that reinvests in the state. An added plus is that we are technology company operating in a rural area of the state.

Our disadvantage is not having the manpower or financial resources to solicit every project. Working with a state agency with the authority to enter into master services agreements would allow us to focus on projects, not project pitches.

You can check out the quality of work of Cayuse principals. For the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority, we provided seamless Oracle-SQL data migration and improved data entry efficiencies that resulted in increased customer satisfaction. For the Utah Educational Savings Plan, we modernized a legacy system to handle growth in accounts and decreased fund management fee.

We appreciate there are many factors to consider regarding SB 872. We believe the concept will help smaller Oregon companies such as Cayuse Technologies make our services available to solve state IT and enterprise system challenges, including the ongoing need to keep data stored in Oregon secure.