



Sustainable and Efficient Power Production

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Senator Fred Girod
Representative Paul Holvey
Co-Chairs, Ways and Means Capital Construction Subcommittee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Oregon Tech's Engineering Complex: Center for Excellence in Engineering and Technology/ Cornett Hall Renovation, Phase 2

Dear Senator Girod and Representative Holvey,

I have worked in engineering in Oregon for over 40 years, and I am very proud of the education I received at Oregon State. During my career in the utility and power generation industry, I have worked with number of graduates of Oregon Tech. They have been both well trained and prepared for high quality, safe and professional work in the electrical engineering profession. They didn't get that way by accident; they are well prepared as a result of excellent training preparation at one of Oregon's best schools. Well, maybe it is one of America's best schools, if you recognize the rankings of the Wall Street Journal and the US News and World Report. Both have reported that Oregon Tech is among the very best western Oregon colleges in career preparation. The WSJ ranked Oregon Tech as the very best!

To remain excellent, we must continue to make investments in our future students. We cannot delay; we must fund construction of the planned "Center for Excellence in Engineering and Technology" and the Cornett Hall Renovation. These projects are critical to maintaining our outstanding position as premier engineering educators in Oregon. The Cornett Hall remodel has been postponed a very long time; the 53-year-old building needs work! And the new Center for Excellence building will begin to bring the engineering program at the Klamath Falls campus into the 21st century.

Please do everything you can to have your contemporaries gather enough votes to secure completion of these very important projects. We look to you for leadership in this matter. Some decisions cannot be postponed; Oregon Tech is a great school that seriously needs your support at this time.

Thank you everything you can do to support Oregon Tech and its capital construction program.

Sincerely,

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