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Attached is a one-pager from the University of Oregon in support of the UO Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact for tomorrow's hearing on SB 5505. Thank you!

Best,

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Support the University of Oregon Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact

The University of Oregon’s (UO) Phil and Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact is an unprecedented opportunity to improve Oregon’s economy, workforce, and ecosystem of scientific research and discovery.

We urge Oregon’s elected leaders to partner with UO by investing \$100 million in general obligation bonds toward the construction of the facilities to ensure a footprint large enough to provide space and equipment for private entrepreneurs and other universities. With the State’s partnership, the campus will be open to a full spectrum of researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs.

The science campus will build upon one of UO’s greatest strengths as a physical science research institution and create a regional innovation hub with statewide benefit. It will fundamentally improve Oregon’s economy and job market, as well as facilitate interdisciplinary research that will lead to innovations and therapies for human health. It will not only host UO academic research, but also private entrepreneurs, innovators, and researchers from across the state, including Oregon Health Sciences University, Oregon State University, and Portland State University.

The campus will create a clear line of sight between discovery and impact, supporting innovations developed in Oregon, by Oregonians and ensure they stay here to fuel the economy. It will provide statewide economic and research benefit and enhance the national academic profile of all Oregon universities. It will be equipped with state-of-the-art scientific instruments, have critical space available for spin-out companies and entrepreneurial activity, and be a magnet for world-class researchers and students.

An initial capital investment is critical to the success of this initiative so that the proper infrastructure for supporting innovation and training activities will have the largest potential for enhancing the business environment and economic climate. It is impossible recapture this opportunity later. The first steps toward success are building the facilities to support the rest of the activities.

As Oregon’s industry, labor, tribal, and education leaders, we urge lawmakers to approve UO’s \$100 million request this session. This is a critical, self-sustaining investment that will result in extraordinary benefits to Oregonians for generations.

