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Dear Legislators:

The City of Albany supports HB 5505, which includes the request from Linn-Benton Community College for \$7.5m in capital construction funds. The bill is scheduled for a hearing on Friday, May 12. LBCC is committed to meeting the workforce needs of our region. Our region has more than 1,000 jobs to fill in the coming five years in family-wage technical positions.

To meet this need LBCC needs to expand and upgrade its Career Technical Education (CTE) offerings; in Welding, Machine Tool, Nondestructive testing, and Advanced Manufacturing, (Mechatronics), on the Albany campus to meet the workforce needs of the Mid-Willamette Valley.

The voters in Linn and Benton counties have shown their support for LBCC through approval of a General Obligation bond, which provides the matching funds that are required. In addition, the City of Albany is providing \$2.9M for equipment for these CTE programs, and local industry is working to assist with additional equipment.

Investing in LBCC's is critical to meet the work force needs of industry, and strengthening Oregon's economy.

Sincerely,

**Wes Hare  
City Manager**