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To the Co-Chairs and honorable members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capitol Construction:

SB 5505 - Please find the attached letter in support of funding request for Oregon Institute of Technology.

Sincerely,

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May 11, 2017

**To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Sub-Committee On Capital Construction**

Co-Chair, Senator Fred Girod	Co-Chair, Representative Paul Holvey
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Member, Representative John Huffman	Member, Speaker Tina Kotek
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**RE: Oregon Tech's Center for Excellence in Engineering and Technology**

Please accept this letter in support of the funding request for Oregon Tech's Center for Excellence in Engineering and Technology.

**Project Description**

This project is the second phase of a prioritized project and will complete Oregon Tech's Center for Excellence in Engineering and Technology. The combined project will be home to the expanded interdisciplinary College of Engineering, Technology and Management, including the departments of: Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering (MMET), Civil Engineering (CE), Electrical Engineering & Renewable Energy (EERE), Computer Systems Engineering Technology (CSET), Geomatics, Management, Information Technology, and the Oregon Renewable Energy Center (OREC).

This capital request is directly related to the urgent need to modernize classrooms that are not built for 21st century learning. A large percentage of current campus buildings are aging out, while Oregon Tech's campus has been attracting increases in enrollment over the last few decades. The IEC will enable Oregon Tech to step into the fast-paced technological arenas that make up the electrical and mechanical engineering fields of the future.

With this investment Oregon Tech's Cornett Hall engineering building, will become a state-of-the-art center capable of anchoring opportunities for both diverse and multi-ethnic communities along with embracing rural Oregonians. The center will provide for entrepreneurial opportunities while combating the obsolescence which is plaguing rural Oregon.

Highly-skilled and trained innovators working within the high-demand degree fields such as engineering, technology and healthcare will be the future for all of Oregon. Oregon Tech is poised to make the difference.

## **Status of Redevelopment and Funding**

Oregon Tech made agreements to split this project into phases. This allows prioritization for a specific set of student-focused building investments. These priorities were then reviewed and exhaustively vetted by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

These priorities were included in the December 2016 Governor's Recommended Budget.

This letter is in direct support of the investment request for Oregon Tech's Center for Excellence in Engineering and Technology. The total request is comprised of project financing via the issuance of Article XI-Q bonds for \$38,000,000, and of Article XI-G bonds for \$2,000,000 during the next biennium.

In closing, we believe that it is important to keep Oregon Tech's existing facilities and campus relevant to the upcoming generation of new and vibrant students, rather than weaken all of Oregon's university system through dilution across new, untried enterprises.

We ask your support for this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,



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