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Sen. Fred Girod
Rep. Paul Holvey
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Greetings, Senator Girod and Representative Holvey:

I'm writing you today requesting your support for Clackamas Community College in Capital Construction Senate Bill 5505.

My name is Bob Cochran and I am the Dean of Campus Services for Clackamas Community College. I am in charge of day-to-day operation of the college's facilities and in charge of all bond projects for the college.

In 2013 we began researching the condition of all our buildings and infrastructure and produced a Facility Condition Assessment. The document listed each facility and the cost associated with bringing it to current standards. This study listed \$1.4 million dollars in deferred maintenance and \$5.5 million in observed deficiencies in the existing DeJardin/Pauling Science Complex.

In 2014, the voters in the Clackamas Community College district approved a \$90-million bond measure that is being used to update and expand college classrooms and labs and modernize equipment to meet industry standards. These projects would allow students to complete a two-year degree at any of the three campuses. Implementation of the bond projects includes opportunities for students, area businesses and local workforce.

One of the bond projects is the DeJardin/Pauling Science Complex. The expansion of DeJardin Hall will make DeJardin the college's science building. Existing space will be repurposed for the sciences and new space will provided state-of-the-art labs, classrooms and teaching opportunities. The students of Clackamas Community College will be greatly prepared for the degrees, certification, or transfer to a four-year university.

From my facilities viewpoint, I know our 36-year-old science classrooms and labs do not meet current teaching environment.

With two bond projects currently underway, Harmony West in Milwaukie and the Industrial Technical Center in Oregon City (both were supported with \$8 million in state matching funds), the college is leveraging every dollar. Our Board of Education has developed workforce goals for using local workforce, businesses and students on all bond-related capital construction projects to fuel and share economic prosperity in Clackamas County.

As of this month, students have participated 450 hours in bond projects and 30 percent of our subcontractors are Clackamas County, minority-, women- and veteran-owned businesses as well as emerging small businesses.

We are committed to doing the same with our remaining bond projects, including the DeJardin/Pauling Science Complex and the upcoming new Student Services Community Center.

Please continue supporting Clackamas Community College, our students and our community by including the \$8-million match in Capital Construction Senate Bill 5505.

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