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Sen. Fred Girod
Rep. Paul Holvey
900 Court St. NE, H285
Salem, Or 97301

Re: Capital Construction SB 5505

Greetings, Senator Girod and Representative Holvey:

As a member of the Clackamas Community College Foundation for over 30 years and its President for two terms, I am writing this letter to you, urging your support for the approval of matching funding of the College's Dejardin/Pauling Science Complex expansion and a new Student Services/Community Commons Building.

We are seeking \$8 million in state matching funds for each project. We are asking for two matching projects this session, taking into consideration that community colleges did not receive capital construction funding during the last session. Both of these Projects are urgently needed. The College's match for both Projects is already in place thanks to the voter's approval in 2014 of a \$90 million bond issue which leveraged bond funds with state matching funds, to secure these and other projects identified in the Bond Measure.

The College and the State have cooperatively and successfully used matching funds for the construction of Harmony West which will open this year and for the construction of the Industrial Technical Center which will open in 2018. This successful marriage of voter approved bond funding and state provided matching funds is a winning formula for the College and the State. We urge the State to continue this partnership by providing the requested matching funds for these two critically needed projects.

The Pauling/Dejardin Complex Project will add to Science facilities which have been in place for 35 years and are totally inadequate for current student needs. It will serve all science and allied health majors. It expands science laboratories preparing students for majors and careers in physics, chemistry, biology, water/waste water studies, geologic studies as well as health science prerequisites such as anatomy and physiology. The projects will double the current chemistry lab capacity, accommodating an additional 250 chemistry students each year. The Project will add additional Biology classes, permit greater research

opportunities, and provide for Saturday middle and high school extra-curricular learning. Construction is projected to start in May 2018 and be open to students in June 2019.

The new Student Services/Community Commons Building Project will replace the current facility on the Oregon City Campus which is old, inadequate, and outdated. Currently students must travel among 4 buildings to access needed student and academic services. The new student and community center will permit collocation of these critical services at a single location with enough space and facilities to efficiently address student needs. There will be ample space for individual and group studies, academic and career counseling, registration, financial aid, veterans' services, student focused organizations, modern cafeteria services, an expanded book store, and a centralized place for students to congregate and socialize. It will invigorate our campus for the benefit of our students. Construction will start in April 2020 with occupancy scheduled for August 2021.

Let Clackamas Community College and the State continue together along the time proven path of the utilization of match funding to provide much needed academic facilities ,and in turn guaranteeing student success and achievement, by approving the sought for funding of these two much needed projects.

Sincerely
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