

April 11, 2017

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:

I am a volunteer currently serving on the Clackamas Community College Bond Project Citizen Oversight Committee. This committee helps oversee the implementation of Bond Measure 3-447, which was approved by voters in 2014.

The \$90-million bond measure is being used to update and expand college classrooms and labs and modernize equipment to meet industry standards. The CCC Foundation is also raising an additional \$5 million to supplement the bond.

In 2015, the Legislature awarded CCC \$8 million in matching funds for the construction of Harmony West. This project replaces the 61-year-old former Oregon Institute of Technology building on the Harmony Community Campus in Milwaukie. The new facility, which will open this fall, will allow CCC to continue to grow its Health Science, workforce development and general education offerings in the North Clackamas area.

The Legislature also awarded CCC with another \$8 million in matching funds for the construction of the Industrial Technical Center on the Oregon City campus. This facility, which will open spring 2018, will increase access to affordable education programs, allowing students training for family-wage jobs in the fields of manufacturing, CNC machining and renewable energy.

As a member of the citizen oversight committee, I have seen firsthand that Clackamas Community College has been good a steward of taxpayer dollars and state funding. Despite escalating construction costs, the projects are coming in on time and on budget. The college is leveraging the bond projects by incorporating opportunities for students, area businesses and local workforce.

Next year, the college will break ground on the DeJardin/Pauling Science Complex and in 2020 it will replace the Student Services/Community Commons.

In the Science Complex, new science labs will expose students to modern, industry standard, scientific work environments, which are similar to what they will find when they transfer to a university. The addition of student collaboration spaces and support for the STEM Club will grow student retention. This project will serve all science and allied health majors. It expands collegiate and technical science

laboratories preparing students for majors and careers in physics; chemistry; biology; water/wastewater; environmental sciences; cellular and molecular invertebrate studies, geologic studies and health sciences prerequisites such as anatomy and physiology.

The new Student Services/Community Commons will allow CCC to co-locate critical support services such as veterans services, disabilities resources and career coaching in one convenient location. Helping students stay in school and on track with their career and academic pathways is a major priority for CCC.

In total, the college's bond projects add up to \$155 million. To continue to close the gap between actual construction costs and the \$90-million bond, matching funds from the state are necessary.

I'm writing you today to ask that you continue to support Clackamas Community College by matching our funds with \$8 million for the DeJardin/Pauling Science Complex and \$8 million for the Student Services/Community Commons.

CCC's bond projects will allow the college to continue providing Education That Works.

Sincerely,

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