

May 10, 2017

Re: Capital Construction SB 5505

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

Greetings Senator Girod and Representative Holvey;

I am writing to you today to ask for your support of Clackamas Community College by helping fund our Dejardin/Pauling Science Center project.

I am entering my second year as a student at CCC, pursuing a degree in Computer Science and am a member of our STEM club. Our current science and technology facilities are outdated and very crowded. The waitlists for some classes are very long, and many students worry about getting into the classes they need to graduate or transfer on time. A new science facility would increase the number of classes we could offer, and also provide the updated technology and expanded facilities to give us the hands-on experience we need to prepare for real-world jobs.

The project will not only allow us to have access to the classes and tools that we need to succeed academically. CCC has a wide variety of students, from students who are earning college credit while still in high school to adults returning to pursue training to improve their job prospects. The Student Services and Community Commons expansion will give students the support services we need to ensure student retention, career coaching, disability resources and veterans services.

STEM field jobs are one of the fastest growing category of jobs in Oregon, and we will need to grow and expand in order to meet the workforce demand. I ask that you please continue to support our school, our students, and our community by approving matching funds for the Dejardin/Pauling Science Complex and the Student Services/Community Commons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Lee
Clackamas Community College