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Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
Representative Paul Holvy, Chair
Members of the Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Capitol Construction
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RE: Testimony for the Record, SB 5530


Dear Sen. Girod, Rep. Holvy and Members of the Committee

I urge you to support SB 5530 and fund the eight projects proposed for funding within the lottery bond budget. Each of these projects has been thoroughly vetted to get to this point and offers the potential to improve the quality of life, the economy and lives of Oregonians and visitors to our state.

I am particularly familiar with the request from the Friends of the Oregon Caves and Chateau to fund the restoration of the exterior balconies at that National Historic Landmark. The Caves represents a major economic engine in Josephine County. While NPS had committed to significant upgrades to the Chateau, their funding fails to provide for authentic restoration of the exterior balconies, or any interior restoration, creating the possibility that this beloved Oregon lodge will lose much of its historic character and charm without state and private support. The Friends were formed to fill that void and this request, and the restoration of the historic balconies, are a major element in the long-term success and viable operation of the Chateau.

I urge you to support SB 5530 and this request, the only one south of Eugene, to assure that the Chateau, a nationally recognized landmark, will continue to benefit Oregonians for another century.

With Regard,



George Kramer
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