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Attached, please find testimony on SB 5530 from International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers as well as SPEEA Local 2001.

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To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Sub-Committee on Capital Construction
Chairs: Senator Girod and Representative Holvey

From: Stacy James
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Re: OMIC Project in Columbia County, Ore.

Honorable Chairs Girod and Holvey and fellow Committee Members,

My apologies for the written, rather than in-person, testimony, as my husband and I are visiting family out of state.

I would like to voice the Machinists Union's support of OMIC, and ask for the Committee's consideration in funding in the next biennium, for what I believe could be a catalyst for real and palpable gains for the State and People of Oregon.

I'm a nearly 30-year member of the Machinists Union. My union, along with the engineering union at the Boeing facility in Gresham, was approached very early on about the prospects of a project like OMIC, and the potential for both research and apprenticeships benefiting industry and people in the metal trades, especially. In the more than 125-year history of the Machinists, apprenticeship has been a cornerstone of our culture, and I'm proud to support the apprenticeship program at Boeing Portland. Our program, which has been active since the late '80's, will graduate its 100th apprentice in early June. We have apprenticeships in three trades: Machining, Machine Repair Mechanic and Electronic Maintenance Technicians. Sadly, there are very few apprenticeships like this in Oregon; some that did exist in the past do not today. OMIC could change that.

I've seen the AMRC in Sheffield and their apprenticeship training academy and it is amazing. The sheer possibility of expanded opportunity for Oregon's youth to find apprenticeships and careers in living-wage jobs like machining is enticing. Opportunities also exist in Sheffield for apprentices who didn't immediately choose a path in a skilled trade – this will benefit Oregonians as well, and fits nicely into the role of community colleges like PCC.

Unions serve a role in helping people, and the Machinists Union is incredibly excited about OMIC. We will help support apprenticeship training. We are asking that you

help support OMIC as a line item in the budget to enable this dream of business, government, education and labor come to fruition.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacy James". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Stacy James
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