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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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Oregon State Legislature
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Capital Construction

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and members of the Subcommittee,

On behalf of over two hundred Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace, IFPTE Local 2001 (SPEEA) members working at The Boeing Company in Oregon, I want to offer our union's strong support for the Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC) and continued state investment to ensure its success.

SPEEA members work as engineers, technical workers, scientists, and IT professionals, among other design and support roles in aerospace. We represent 20,000 aerospace workers nationwide.

Our elected Council voted overwhelmingly to support the OMIC. It garnered our support because of the unique opportunity to leverage public and private resources to grow high-skill, high-wage manufacturing jobs in Oregon via investing in innovation and industry growth. We applaud the commitment of our public and private partners in this effort to ensure Oregon remains competitive in advanced manufacturing and continues to offer good jobs for today and tomorrow's manufacturing workforce.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We encourage your support for additional state funding for the development of the OMIC training and research and development centers. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact SPEEA legislative director, Chelsea Orvella, at 253.973.3324.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Rule".

Ryan Rule
President

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