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*To*: House Committee on Rules *RE*: HCR 27

Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

For the record my name is Carla Piluso, and I proudly represent House District 50, the great city of Gresham. I have also been a loyal Thorns fan since the beginning, as you'll notice if you visit my office.

The Thorns are not only a pleasure to watch, but they are hugely successful. They won the National Women's Soccer League 2016 Shield Award as the team with the best regular season record. They lead the NWSL in game attendance and are the most well attended women's professional sports team in the world.

The Thorns are loyally supported by their fans, who go by the name Rose City Riveters. The dedicated and talented soccer players are also active community members, donating many hours of service.

Few women's sports teams receive the recognition that they deserve, the Thorns included. However, this team has achieved incredible success and support in its first six years of life. I am proud to be a fan, and proud to be a Chief Sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 27. Oregon is lucky to have the Thorns, and I ask you for your support in commending them for their talent and success. Thank you. Sincerely,

Carla C. Piluso Oregon State Representative, House District 50