



March 23, 2019

Senator James Manning Jr., Co-Chair
Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic
Development
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for the Oregon Innovation Council (Oregon InC), experience with ONAMI

Dear Co-Chairs Manning and Gomberg and Members of the Committee,

My name is Rita Hansen and I am the CEO of Onboard Dynamics, Inc. based in Bend, Oregon. We spun out of research originating at OSU-Cascades and are developing and commercializing natural gas compression technology that enables truck fleets to adopt natural gas as a transportation fuel in order to reduce fuel costs and emissions.

I am writing in support of the Oregon Innovation program, and specifically want to acknowledge the value our company has received from working with ONAMI's commercialization GAP fund, graduate student internship, and ongoing support programs.

As the CEO of a traded sector, high growth startup I can't emphasize enough the importance of this kind of support required to successfully build and grow a company. We were so fortunate to be able to leverage the many resources that came together for us over the past 5 years to put this company on a path to success. Valuable resources like ONAMI's critical gap funding, graduate internship support, and general counsel and guidance in our early phase launch efforts from ONAMI's expert staff – all making a significant positive contribution in our commercial trajectory.

I really hope you continue to support the Oregon Innovation program so that other new startup companies in our state can reap these same benefits.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita Hansen".

Rita Hansen
CEO
Onboard Dynamics, Inc.

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