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April 22, 2019

The Honorable Fred Girod  
The Honorable Paul Holvey  
Co-Chairs, Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 5030 – Lottery bonds for Gerry Frank | Salem Rotary Amphitheater Project

Dear Senator Girod, Representative Holvey and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to express my enthusiastic support for the new Gerry Frank | Salem Rotary Amphitheater to be built at Salem's Riverfront Park, and urge you to invest \$1.75 million in this regional project.

The Gerry Frank | Salem Rotary Amphitheater serves all people in our community, from the rich to the poor, the old and the young, across all cultures. Positioned at the east end of the Peter Courtney Minto Island Bridge, it will be a unique and inviting gathering spot – open and welcoming to everyone.

The stage cover design was inspired by the open-weave baskets of the Native American Kalapuya and opens the door to historical and cultural education opportunities connecting the Willamette Valley today to its heritage past.

The project represents the concept of 'public – private partnership' at its best. Working in close coordination with the City, the Rotary Club of Salem engaged the wider Salem community for public input and has earned overwhelming support for the project.

The City of Salem looks forward to including the Gerry Frank | Salem Rotary Amphitheater as one of the most prominent and attractive features in our great state. For decades to come, it will draw visitors, economic value, and aesthetic appreciation to Oregon's capital city – Salem.

Sincerely,

Chuck Bennett  
Mayor

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