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

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

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

I am pleased for the opportunity to express my full support for your investment in the Gerry Frank | Salem Rotary Amphitheater to be built at Salem's Riverfront Park.

This project is worthy of the Legislature's investment of \$1.75 million for four important reasons:

- 1) It opens expanded opportunities for cultural enrichment for a broad and diverse population across a wide region.
  - 2) These opportunities will serve as an economic engine for our state capital's downtown core.
  - 3) The unique and iconic stage cover design, inspired by the basket work of the Native American Kalapuya who once lived along the Willamette River, is a wonderful and fitting way to honor our cultural heritage.
  - 4) The amphitheater will honor the distinguished legacy of Gerry Frank, Oregon's Premier Citizen, who has devoted a lifetime of service and generosity to our state.
- The Oregon Community Foundation supports the objectives that will be achieved through this project and I encourage the State Legislature to lend its full support to an important project that not only serves the Salem community – but all of Oregon as it enhances our State's capitol city.

Sincerely,

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