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To:
House Education Committee
900 Court St, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Teresa Alonso Leon and Members of the House Education Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to continue The University Venture Development Funds Program and allow universities to use the funds which are already allocated. This program has helped many startup's launch within the State of Oregon. I understand we are facing a budget shortfall but there is no doubt that in these unprecedented times we need innovative companies to grow and flourish to help the economy rebound.

As a startup that works on indoor air quality until the current pandemic no one understood the problem we have with indoor air. Only because of the UVDF funds from Portland State University were we able to sustain our company and now reach a time when the market is right for new technologies to address the problems faced in indoor environments. There are countless other startups that will not have the opportunity to help Oregon grow if these funds are unavailable.

Now is an amazing time for startups, there are new problems we are facing and incredible opportunities to re-think and innovate solutions. The UVDF funds will help Oregon lead the way in solving some of these problems and bring good jobs to Oregon.

Thank you

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