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The Honorable Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

Co-Chairs Holvey, Girod and Members of the Committee,

Re: Support for the Bonding Authorization of \$32 million for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass in SB 5534

On behalf of Cascade Steel Rolling Mills ("Cascade"), I write you today to express Cascade's strong support for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass.

Located on Highway 99W, Cascade is the largest employer in McMinnville. As Oregon's only steel mill, we are rightly concerned with fostering the safe and efficient transportation of people, goods, services and ideas in the region.

We have seen the Bypass grow from an ambitious idea decades ago, to reality today. But to realize the full benefit of the Bypass, completion of Phase 2 is necessary.

This roadway provides a critical link in the transportation infrastructure that allows for continued growth in the local economy. McMinnville's residents, including Cascade's 400 employees and hundreds of customers, vendors and other visitors, need safe and congestion-free transportation options to and from work, school, and beyond.

Thanks to investments made by the Legislature and the Oregon Transportation Commission over the past two years, Phase 2 of the bypass is now shovel ready. This \$32 million in state lottery bond funding will enable ODOT to move to construction on Phase 2 of the bypass while providing a critical state match that can leverage federal dollars to complete construction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Ruckwardt".

Matt Ruckwardt
Chief of Steel Operations & Business Performance
