



May 5th, 2021

Ways and Means
900 State Street NE, Room H-178
Salem OR 97301

RE: SB 5528

Co-Chairs Frederick, McLain and Members of the Committee,

I write today on behalf of the more than 750 members of the Beaver Caucus to ask that you fully fund OSU's Statewide Public Service Programs so that the university can fulfill its mission as Oregon's land-grant university.

The OSU Statewides, which include the Extension Service, Agriculture Experiment Stations and Forest Research Laboratories, provide vital support and services to communities in every county in Oregon. The Governor's Recommended Budget flatlined the Statewides funding. We are asking you to support \$158.5 million in operational funding for the OSU Statewides - \$84 million for the Agricultural Experiment Station, \$61.9 million for the OSU Extension Service and \$12.6 million for the Forest Research Laboratory. This investment represents a 7.42% base funding level increase from the 2019-21 budget so the OSU Statewides can continue their essential work in Oregon.

This investment will preserve programs in your community, and across the state. The return on investment for these programs is immense. Please support the OSU Statewides during the 2021 legislative session.

Best Regards,

Bill Perry
President, The Beaver Caucus

The Beaver Caucus
4238 SW Research Way
Corvallis, OR 97333

Friday, March 12, 2021

The Honorable Senator Lynn Findley
900 Court St. NE, S-403
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Findley:

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Sincerely,

Jeff Heater
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The Dalles, OR 97058

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Subject: Support the OSU Statewides - Master Gardener Program

Dear Senator Burdick:

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The service aspect of being a Master Gardener is the most rewarding part of the program. I had planned to do my training, meet my volunteer commitment, get my badge, and then happily garden on my own, but the volunteer opportunities hooked me.

I hope you will prioritize funding to the Master Gardener program. I believe we provide an important service during normal times. Given that we are now in the midst of a pandemic, when interest in gardening and the need for food security is at an all-time high, I believe our program has become even more important.

Thank you,
Susan Marcus

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5510 SW Brugger St
Portland, OR 97219

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900 Court St. NE, H-492
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I’m personally asking you to support the \$158.5 million funding request for The Statewides.

This support continues valuable services to all Oregonians who rely on the Statewides. If we learned anything in this past year (besides how much we can use the word “pivot”) it is the importance that food, fiber and shelter play in our everyday lives – and how quickly those can become unstable. I have appreciated how Extension and the Statewides have adapted to the challenge 2020 and now 2021 have brought to local communities, and how they’ve adapted their services to the individual needs those communities displayed. Mass PPE distribution was accomplished in rural areas, youth were engaged in virtual 4-H meetings, local farmers were engaged online and from the comfort of their tractors and here in Umatilla County the fair was reworked I think almost day due to changing standards and a commitment to have that experience here for our youth.

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Stanfield, OR 97875

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6707 SW Pine St
Portland, OR 97223

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900 Court St. NE, H-492
Salem, OR 97301

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Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

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64080 Spring Creek Road
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To: State Legislature
From: Robert D Winn – Louise Jaussaud Oregon Trust
RE: Funding for OSU Extension Service – 2021 fiscal year

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Enterprise, OR 97828

Saturday, March 20, 2021

The Honorable Senator Ginny Burdick
900 Court St. NE, S-223
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Why we Need OSU Extension

Dear Senator Burdick:

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The Honorable Representative Dacia Grayber
900 Court St. NE, H-492
Salem, OR 97301

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Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

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985 Nehalem Blvd
Wheeler, OR 97147

Monday, March 22, 2021

The Honorable Representative Suzanne Weber
900 Court St. NE, H-483
Salem, OR 97301

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Albany, OR 97321

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Salem, OR 97301

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General Delivery

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William Serbonich CF
General Delivery

North Powder, OR 97867

Monday, March 22, 2021

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900 Court St. NE, S-403
Salem, OR 97301

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The Honorable Senator Bill Hansell
900 Court St. NE, S-415
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Subject: Support OSU Extension

Dear Senator Hansell:

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Michael Eng
64705 Lostine River Rd
Lostine, OR 97857

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Sincerely,

B Bond Starker
4180 SW Brooklane Dr
Corvallis, OR 97333

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The Honorable Representative Dan Rayfield
900 Court St. NE, H-286
Salem, OR 97301

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The Honorable Senator Dennis Linthicum
900 Court St. NE, S-305
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Linthicum:

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900 Court St. NE, H-377
Salem, OR 97301

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Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Gelser:

Dear Representative Boshart Davis,

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2501 Crocker Ln NW
Albany, OR 97321

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The Honorable Representative Shelly Boshart Davis
900 Court St. NE, H-389
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Thank you for your time,
Commissioner- Jim Hamsher

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201 S Humbolt St Ste 280
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Jeff Heater
3735 Three Mile Rd
The Dalles, OR 97058

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The Honorable Senator Floyd Prozanski
900 Court St. NE, S-413
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Restore funding cuts! RE: OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Prozanski:

I garden. Actually, I do more than that. My first college degree was in Biology, focused on becoming a researcher. So, I've been following the droughts we've been having in Oregon these last few years. We're in a moderate drought condition right now, March 17th, in the Eugene area. Check out drought.gov and see where we are now. Point is, the Willamette Valley farmers grow a lot of things, food being one, and if we're going to keep being productive, we need to figure out how to deal with drought impacts on farmers -- and the people who depend on them -- for food. Extension has been doing research with farmers, reaching out to farmers, to do just that, by using dryland farming techniques. Last year, in my backyard garden, I tried different ways of growing and not using much water, with the idea of potentially developing working hypotheses that could potentially be tested scientifically.

Here's what they say on their website about the program . . .

"Questions like, 'How are we going to live with lower levels of water?' and, 'What part should each of us play in becoming more sustainable?' will be questions well worth asking. This is why the OSU Extension Service Small Farms Program, Dry Farming Collaborative, and others like it are so essential to the welfare of our state's agriculture."

Like, no kidding! Here's some more . . .

"Along with providing a place to share best practices, the OSU Small Farms Program hosts various Dry Farming Field Days where participants can see dry-farmed crops in the ground, do side-by-side taste comparisons of dry farmed and irrigated crops, learn about dry farming management practices that help to conserve soil moisture, as well as talk to soil scientists and experienced dry farmers."

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Wednesday, March 24, 2021

The Honorable Representative Paul Holvey
900 Court St. NE, H-277
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Restore funding cuts! RE: OSU Statewides

Dear Representative Holvey:

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Like, no kidding! Here's some more . . .

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The Honorable Senator Betsy Johnson
900 Court St. NE, S-209
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Johnson:

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Astoria, OR 97103

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900 Court St. NE, S-415
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Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

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The Honorable Senator Sara Gelser
900 Court St. NE, S-405
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Gelser:

Senators, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley and All State Representatives,

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Thursday, March 25, 2021

The Honorable Senator Floyd Prozanski
900 Court St. NE, S-413
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Sincerely,

Devin McMahon
1134 Toketee Ranger Station Rd
Idlewild Park, OR 97447

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The Honorable Representative Cedric Hayden
900 Court St. NE, H-492
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The Honorable Senator Chuck Riley
900 Court St. NE, S-303
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Riley:

March 22, 2021

Dear Representative,

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Sincerely,
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In 4-H, all students learn how to critically think, be respectful and problem solve. For young students, they will learn to strengthen their social and emotional development. 4-H provides an environment for any age students to explore, play with peers, and build self-confidence.

Thank you so much for your time and I hope you will take my letter into consideration and continue supporting the 4-H program and possibly even extending it to more communities around the state of Oregon. If you have any questions/ comments please don't hesitate to contact me at aloni872@hsd.k12.or.us or (971)-323-9618.

Sincerely,
Ivette Alonso Garcia
Freshman at Liberty High School

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Thursday, March 25, 2021

The Honorable Senator Chuck Thomsen
900 Court St. NE, S-316
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Thomsen:

Hello, my name is Daniel Johnson, I am 16 years old and I live in Clackamas County.

I have been in 4-H for 9 years, I show sheep, goats, rabbits, cavies and pigeons. I am also involved in the Clackamas County and Oregon State 4-H Ambassador Teams, I am a member of the Clackamas County 4-H Leaders Board, Clackamas County 4-H Livestock Advisory and the Metro 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee. Furthermore, I am the President and Community Service Organizer for my 4-H club, which includes organizing meetings, helping member to achieve their goals and planning projects and activities, I am also the Vice Chair of the Clackamas County 4-H Small Animal Advisory.

I also participate and organize many community service projects for my 4-H clubs, including; Making tie-blankets and toys for the non-profit organization, Wrapped in Love. The blankets and toys are sent to local animal shelters, when the animals are adopted, they take their blankets and toys with them. This project is very important to me because of my love for animals. My 4-H club and I also participate in the county's Adopt-A-Road program, where we clean up a road of our choosing. I organize the day we clean up and I go to pick up and drop off the supplies from the county (vests, road signs, bags, etc.), after we are done cleaning the road, we leave the garbage bags for the county to pick up. Each time we clean the road, it gets more and more satisfying to see difference that we made.

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Sandy, OR 97055

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Salem, OR 97301

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The Honorable Senator Bill Hansell
900 Court St. NE, S-415
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Hansell:

Hi, I am Reagan Stanek. I am 14 years old and in 8th grade. I live in Umatilla County, and attend Oregon Charter Academy.

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900 Court St. NE, H-482
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The Honorable Senator Chuck Riley
900 Court St. NE, S-303
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

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Harriet Ottaviano
347 NE Gwen Ct
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Thursday, March 25, 2021

The Honorable Representative Janeen Sollman
900 Court St. NE, H-487
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Representative Sollman:

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The Honorable Senator Fred Girod
900 Court St. NE, S-401
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Girod:

OSU staff member Glenn Ahrens visited our property at Elkhorn, after the destruction of the Beechie Creek fire. He met with members of the Elkhorn Corporation to help us assess the fire damage. Glenn Ahrens gave recommendations that helped us to find and hire Trout Mountain Forestry Service. 99 percent of the trees were burned too severely to survive, and we are in the process of logging all 200 acres of our 100 year old Douglas Fir forest.

My husband and I are shareholders at Elkhorn, a vacation retreat located in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon on Elkhorn Mountain. Elkhorn is a non-profit corporation, a vacation community nestled below Opal Creek and above Salmon Falls State Park. As share holders at Elkhorn, we enjoyed our cabin. We traveled to Oregon every summer to hike in the old forest and swim in the Santiam River. My husband's grandfather bought into this property in the 1940s with 5 other professors from Reed College. The loss of Elkhorn forest and our cabin has been devastating.

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Sincerely,

Abira Ali
34885 N Fork Rd SE
Lyons, OR 97358

Thursday, March 25, 2021

The Honorable Representative Jami Cate
900 Court St. NE, H-378
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Representative Cate:

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The Honorable Senator Art Robinson
900 Court St. NE, S-309,
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Robinson:

My name is Josie North. I am a freshman at South Medford High School in Jackson County. I am involved in various things through 4H such as goat projects, cooking, table setting, and different leadership opportunities.

4H has had a very big and positive impact on my life. I have been able to participate in several educational opportunities over the years. These opportunities have brought me friends, education, different skills, and a different perspective that I wouldn't get without 4H.

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6627 Old Stage Rd
Central Point, OR 97502

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900 Court St. NE, H-372
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The Honorable Senator Jeff Golden
900 Court St. NE, S-421
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Golden:

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I show rabbits, and poultry, compete in shooting sports and County Fair with photography, videography, horticulture, art, sewing and foods. I have also competed in the Foods Preparation Contest, the Presentation Contest (this year I was the main advocate to start an interview competition that was available this year) and the Record Book Contest. Through 4-H I have amazing leaders and educators that have inspired me to grow through my projects and interests, for example: I started out with only two little show rabbits my first year and now I am involved in ARBA open shows and 4-H market class, owning upwards of 30 rabbits.

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Sophie Grow

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grow.sophie@yahoo.com

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Saturday, March 27, 2021

The Honorable Senator Michael Dembrow
900 Court St. NE, H-407
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Senator Dembrow:

March 26, 2021

Dear Senator Michael Dembrow and Representative Barbara Smith Warner,

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Thank you
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Albany, OR 97322

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11438 NW Post Ln
Portland, OR 97229

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Salem, OR 97301

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Kirsten Burch
2143 SW Reindeer Ave
Redmond, OR 97756

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17522 NW Shorewood Dr
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24958 Deer Ln
Bend, OR 97701

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The Honorable Representative Vikki Breese-Iverson
900 Court St. NE, H-395
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

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Andy VanderPlaat
45263 Best Rd
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Cydney Stables
12010 NE Flett Rd
Gaston, OR 97119

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900 Court St. NE, S-316
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Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

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6514 SE Dunbar Dr
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Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support the OSU Statewides

Dear Representative Bynum:

Please support funding the OSU Statewides - OSU Extension, Agricultural Experiment Stations, and Forest Research Labs - at \$158.5 million for the 2021-23 biennium, which includes a 7.42% continued service level increase.

These program areas are continually asked to do more with less. In the Second Special Session of 2020, the Statewides took a 2.5% cut. This occurred at a time where much of their programing was quickly pivoted to virtual settings. This past year, they have also addressed emerging issues related to public health messaging on COVID-19, PPE distributions to the farmworker community, assisting with wildfire evacuations and response and more.

This funding will ensure the OSU Statewides can maintain important progress on strategic issues important to Oregonians and that current programs can continue in every corner of the state.

More information on how the OSU Statewides impact Oregon's communities can be found here:
<https://ourimpact.oregonstate.edu/>

Sincerely,

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