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Senator Lynn Findley
900 Court St NES- 403
Salem, OR, 97301

Representative Daniel Bonham
900 Court St NEH- 483
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Findley and Representative Bonham,

I'm writing in support of the funding request for the City of Mosier and Mosier Fire District joint project to construct the Mosier Center, a new fire station/community center.

Over the last few years, Union Pacific Railroad and the Mosier community have formed a close working relationship. Union Pacific has invested heavily in this wonderful Oregon community in order to operate safely, reduce emissions by taking trucks off nearby Interstate 84, and serving as a regional economic engine. We support the City and Fire District's efforts to serve the health of its citizens and foster a safe environment along the railroad. We understand the value of the City's project and believe strongly in its importance to the community.

In addition, the Mosier area community has long been a dedicated provider of services to the north central region of Oregon and the Columbia Gorge. These services include fire protection, emergency medical response, emergency sheltering and various community support functions, all of which are valued by many thousands of area residents and travelers through the I-84/Columbia Gorge corridor. Mosier's ability to continue these services will be greatly enhanced through completion of this project.

The City is the eastside gateway to the Mark Hatfield Twin Tunnels Trail and several important hiking and bicycle routes along the Historic Highway, including the Mosier Plateau Trail, Memaloose State Park and the Rowena Crest Trailhead. For this reason, the new Mosier Community Center will provide key resting and wayfinding facilities for tourists traveling through the National Scenic Area, supporting the economic goals of the region.

I highly encourage you to support Mosier's request for State funding.

Sincere Regards,