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Greetings,

My name is Luke Babson and I am the Head Coach and a Co-Founder of PDX FC, a local men's semi professional soccer team that competes in the National Premier Soccer League. I am writing this letter to show our club's support for the addition of a concession stand and restroom at Gradin Community Sports Park. We know that the addition of these amenities would be great for the facility for many reasons.

The concession stand would allow for community based clubs and organizations, such as PDX FC, to raise funds by selling snacks, drinks and merchandise during events. Some of the current soccer leagues playing at Gradin can draw a decent crowd of people, many of which are hungry or thirsty after playing a match. Our club's matches tend to draw between 200-300 people and selling concessions & merchandise is one of our main ways of creating revenue to fund our programs.

The restrooms are needed for park users and could give the facility much more appeal to attract potential groups and events. Our club is very interested in being a long term potential user of the park. Our roots rest in the east county and we would love to have Gradin as our home base for training and matches. After meeting with Ricki Ruiz, we are really excited with the potential additions for the park. We know these upgrades can help push it to be a facility that is a major asset to our community.

The East County currently has a need for quality parks and sports fields. Both for open community use and to help satisfy the needs of local groups. Investing in this facility would allow the city to provide access for more of our youths and young adults to be physically active and to simply have a nice place to play.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Luke Babson", is written over a solid black horizontal line.

Luke Babson - PDX FC Founder/Head Coach