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*The Honorable Lew Frederick, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Susan McLain, Co-Chair  
and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education  
900 Court St., NE  
Salem, OR 97301*

**Re: HB 5528 – Engineering Technology Sustaining Funds**

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education:

I am writing to you today to seek the legislature’s continued support for the “Engineering Technology Sustaining Funds (ETSF).” The ETSF is a legislative success story. The investments made over the past 20 years, transformed the publically funded state engineering programs, supported innovation and boosted the state’s economy with a competitive workforce.

NuScale is working to improve the lives of people all over the world by providing carbon-free electricity, clean drinking water, and district heating just to name a few of our goals. As you may know, NuScale Power is a spin-off business out of Oregon State University. Our corporate headquarters is in Tigard and our main engineering offices are in Corvallis, Oregon. We employ over 400 people, including over 250 engineers, many of whom are Beavers! A key reason for locating our main engineering offices in Corvallis is the proximity to the College of Engineering, the School of Nuclear Engineering (where we still maintain an active research partnership) and of course the college graduates.

I am a graduate of the engineering program at Oregon State University and a member of Oregon State's College of Engineering Dean's Leadership Council. I am committed to the mission of the college, and efforts to increase access to the college and the number of degrees earned. With that in mind, please support a 7.42% base funding increase to the university state programs budget, which includes the Engineering Sustaining Technology Funds (ETSF). This program is within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) budget, HB 5528. Investment in the ETSF would continue to support the state engineering programs and the many students the colleges serve.

I thank you for your leadership in Salem and recognize you have tough decisions ahead of you. If I can answer additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. When we resolve normal business operations, would welcome you to visit NuScale and learn more about the company and our impact in region.

**Dale Atkinson**

Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nuclear Officer

