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On Behalf Of: Redmond Fire and Rescue

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On behalf of the \$9,500,000 request for the CORE3 emergency services response and training center.

CORE3 addresses a significant regional and statewide need for multi-agency emergency response and training facilities. With increasingly-severe natural hazard events, including catastrophic wildfires, flooding and major storms, and the expected Cascadia Subduction Zone event, Central Oregon and Oregon need a dedicated emergency management response and recovery center. CORE3 will be adjacent to the Redmond Airport, which will serve as FEMA's primary Incident Support Base (ISB) for the federal response to a Cascadia event. CORE3 will also provide essential public safety and emergency management training for a wide array of public safety agencies. CORE3 is actively supported by over 30 local and state public safety and emergency management agencies.

Due to the multi-scale and multi-discipline interest in and need for this facility, it is appropriate that local agencies, the state, and the federal government work together to make CORE3 a reality. Our local agencies are investing by providing the land and funding to date, and our federal partners have supported CORE3 with an earmark to support design and engineering (this is pending the final passage of the federal appropriations bill). The \$9.5 million in state funding in HB 5202 will serve as a key catalyst for further local and federal funding, and is mission critical for the success of this effort.

Thank you for continuing to support public safety and emergency management in Oregon,

Ken Kehmna