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On Behalf Of: Klamath County Cultural Coalition

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB3532

As chair of the Klamath County Cultural Coalition for these past 16 years I've witnessed so much amazing growth for the Oregon Cultural Trust and our Coalitions. It is absolutely essential that that we allow OCT to increase its funding for Administrative services. All our local coalitions are managed by wonderful volunteers whose mission it is to create access to the Arts for all Oregonians. The Oregon tax credit for the Arts is a truly remarkable tool created by our legislators that allows us to do what we do. Let's move forward and improve on our great start by removing the cap on administrative expenses and replacing it with the 5% solution. The great folks at the front office are stretched thin, they need help. We need more administrative staffers who can reach out our volunteers in the field...the coalitions. We will continue to do our work in Counties all over our wonderful Oregon. Please help us with our mission. Our Coalition strongly urges you to vote yes on HB 3532. Many thanks for listening,

Rich Bergstrom,  
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