



TO: Joint Committee on Ways & Means Education Subcommittee  
Senator Lew Frederick, Co-Chair  
Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chair

FR: Cory Perkins, CEO and Founder, nexTC Corporation

Date: April 27, 2023

RE: HB 5025, Higher Education Coordinating Commission Budget – State Programs –  
Signature Research

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and McLain and members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the continued operation and state-support for the Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Institute (ATAMI) at Oregon State University. ATAMI houses state-of-the-art equipment that is an integral part of the start-up ecosystem in Corvallis, OR. Without ATAMI, many of the hard-tech startups would be forced to leave the state of Oregon in search of better facilities – this includes nexTC. nexTC has access to many facilities across the country but chose to stay local due to ATAMI's state-of-the-art equipment and expertise.

I am confident that continued support will lead to exciting new discoveries, advancements in technology, and grow the state's economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cory Perkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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