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Adam J. Brown, City Manager

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Joint Ways and Means Committee
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee,

It is our understanding that the Joint Ways and Means Committee will have the opportunity to approve funding in SB 5506 that could fund a capital request submitted by the City of Keizer for creation of two artificial turf recreation fields. The Keizer City Council, approved this request at their meeting on April 3, 2023. These fields will provide all weather playing surface for football, soccer, rugby, and lacrosse. There is only 1 all weather playing field in Keizer, which is the high school football field. It can only serve so many youth and adults in the community.

Marion County and the City of Keizer have pooled ARPA resources; both organizations put in \$2 million to have a \$4 million project. The city also has approximately \$600,000 in system development charges to add to the project. As we near completion of the design, the estimated cost for the project is \$6.5 million. That puts us short of the funds needed to finish the project. The community believes we can raise \$900,000, but that leaves a hole of \$1 million.

The city would appreciate the state being a part of finishing this project to provide recreational opportunities for our youth and adults. The design has included the local rugby club, Salem Women's Football Association, Mid-Valley Soccer Club, Oregon Referee Committee, Marion County, and Keizer neighborhood associations. It has been an inclusive and thoughtful process. We believe this will be a regional destination park when complete. Your help is desperately needed to fill this funding gap to make the project happen.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Brown

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