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Dear Co-Chairs and members of the Joint Committee,

Thank you for considering this letter of support for the Hillsboro Hops Stadium Project and an investment of \$25 million of state funds.

Westside Economic Alliance (WEA) represents over two hundred employers and thousands of employees that work, live and play across our region. We believe that a good investment should help create an environment where businesses can thrive, it should support a well-trained and well-paid workforce, and it must be able to play a role in the creation of a healthy community.

We are confident that the investment you are considering meets this high bar for a well-thought investment. This new facility will bring together our community around sports, cultural events and entertainment. As a result of this programming, this project will serve a regional travel destination that will drive visitor spending.

Additionally, this venue will have a direct positive impact on our regional economy as a job creator increasing to as many as 178 full-time, year-round jobs, not to mention those created during the construction of the stadium.

As you consider the many projects seeking investment, WEA hopes you see how your investment in this project will leverage a winning opportunity for our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mazzara Myers, Executive Director

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