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Via Electronic Mail –

Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development
Attn: Senator Aaron Woods, Co-Chair
Attn: Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair
900 Court St. NE, S-425
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Sen.AaronWoods@oregonlegislature.gov
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Re: Business Oregon Budget Request; SB 5524

Dear Senator Woods and Representative Gomberg:

I write to convey Do it Best's unqualified support of SB 5524 and of Business Oregon.

Do it Best is the only US-based, member-owned comprehensive and fully integrated hardware, lumber, and building materials buying cooperative in the home improvement industry. With annual sales surpassing $5 billion, Do it Best serves thousands of member-owned locations across the United States and in more than 50 other countries.

The commitment, teamwork, responsiveness and cooperation Do it Best received from Business Oregon and the Woodburn Enterprise Zone was critical in our decision to maintain our existing northwest US distribution facility in Woodburn, Oregon, and undertake a 170,000 square foot expansion which not only will solidify Do it Best's regional growth from the State of Oregon but maintain and look to grow our local Woodburn workforce of approximately 125 team members in the years to come.

We understand the need to always conduct a cost benefit analysis as to economic development dollars spent by Oregon's taxpayers. Our ability to be awarded funding from the Strategic Reserve Fund and the local benefits from the Woodburn Enterprise Zone will be funding well spent. Additionally, the relationship developed with Business Oregon's and Woodburn's economic development staff clearly indicated a level of support for Do it Best that, unfortunately, we do not always experience with competing states. In our estimation, the Oregon taxpayers are being well served.

Thank you for the time in considering this letter of support and, more important, your support and partnership with Do it Best Corp.

Sincerely,

Do it Best Corp.

Tim Miller

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