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To Members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee:

Dear Committee Members,

I write in support of the \$12 million request from the Sheridan School District in Yamhill County to complete construction of the regional Career Technical Education Center to be located on the Sheridan High School campus.

The numbers and educational research of CTEC programs in Oregon makes it clear that smaller rural schools have limited CTEC programs compared to larger and metropolitan high schools. This seriously impacts graduation rates and employment opportunities for small town students. We can do better for rural students and this request to your committee opens that opportunity.

I grew up in Sheridan and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1955. I am extremely honored to have their new CTEC program bear my name.

Once this project is complete students from Sheridan, Willamina, Amity, Dayton, and Perrydale will gain knowledge and experience in Truck Driving and Diesel Mechanics, Firefighting, Agri-business, and Manufacturing.

This educational and career opportunity will open future life choices for hundreds of Yamhill and Polk County students. It will improve their lives and the economic health of these rural communities. I urge your support for this important Ways and Means request.

Respectfully,

Former Governor Barbara Roberts