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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2527

Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Hailee Jameson, and I am an Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor at Union High School in Union, Oregon. This is my fourth year teaching, and I have the privilege of working with students who are now showing at the same fairgrounds where I grew up participating in 4-H and FFA. I've spent countless hours at these fairgrounds, starting as a young participant in pee-wee showmanship with my sheep, and now, I'm back—guiding the next generation of agricultural leaders through their own experiences at these grounds.

The fairgrounds hold a special place in my heart, and my family has been deeply involved in supporting and improving them. From my sister's senior project that expanded and renovated the kitchen facilities to our collective efforts—such as replacing wooden sheep pens with new, freestanding metal panels, adding concrete to the hog barn, and improving the small animal area—my family and I have contributed to the fairgrounds' growth over the years. These ongoing efforts have made the grounds a better place for animals, exhibitors, and the community, but there is still much more that can be done.

That's why I am here today to strongly support HB 2527. This bill is vital for the continued improvement of the fairgrounds and will ensure that it remains a resource for generations to come. The infrastructure improvements proposed will make the fairgrounds more accessible, functional, and self-sustaining. By improving the water and sewer management, we can make it easier to rent out the fairgrounds for additional events, creating the opportunity for increased revenue that will ensure long-term sustainability.

As an Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor, I see the positive impact that a well-kept fairground has on my students. It provides them with the space and the resources they need to excel in their Supervised Agricultural Experiences and projects. These improvements will not only benefit our students but will also help ensure that the community continues to have access to a quality venue for agricultural shows, local events, banquets, celebrations, and gatherings.

Supporting HB 2527 is about more than just repairing or renovating buildings—it's about investing in the future of our youth, our agriculture programs, and our community as a whole. This bill will help create a lasting foundation that will benefit

not only the current generation of 4-H and FFA students but also future generations who will have access to the same opportunities that have shaped my life.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I urge you to support HB 2527 and the continued growth of our fairgrounds, our students, and our community.

Sincerely,

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