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On Behalf Of: Mosier Center Joint Use Facility
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Dear Senator Bonham and Representative Helfrich,

The City of Mosier is requesting Capital Construction funding to finance \$2.5 million for the Mosier Center Joint Use Facility (JUF), The JUF is a planned fire safety and city/community hall in process for our community.

My Wife Carole and I have lived in Mosier since 1999. (Carole moved here in 1980) The last 15 years have been notable as wild fires and summer fire season have caused us to evacuate 3 time in those years. Our local fire department and city infrastructure needs the upgrades to help with rolling power outages and smoke/wild fires that have plagued Mosier in those years. Our local businesses have suffered significant economic losses due to these events.

Our fire and city hall office and public meeting facilities are obsolete and undersized. The JUF will allow for public attendance at crucial community meetings, modernize the office spaces for our city employees and space for modern firefighting equipment. Mosier Fire District desperately needs a modern fire facility that can house the types of equipment needed to fight wildfires. Mosier Center will provide a centralized, fully equipped facility that will result in improved wildfire response times, immediate access to specialty equipment and a central/accessible command center and shelter.

Please help us fund the Mosier Center JUF for the safety of our residents and the vitality of our community.

Sincerely,

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