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Re.: HB3870 – Support of the Mosier Center

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Mosier's Capital Construction request of \$ 2.5 million for the Mosier Center, a critical public safety and economic hub for our community.

Our vibrant, small town has been growing enormously and has become a vital tourist attraction. Many of our Mosier residents live in the surrounding wildland areas which also includes numerous orchards and vineyards.

With increasing wildfire risks we must increase our fire department's ability to keep our community and those who visit safe. The train which runs through our town and along I-84 has caused numerous fires which threaten, not only our town, but the important freeway corridor which runs through the Columbia River Gorge.

Yet, our city hall and fire department office operate in a one room cottage, no longer suited for the growing demands of Mosier and the critical infrastructure and businesses. The Mosier Center would serve as a regional training and command center for essential emergency responses. Especially for coordinated emergency responses we are strategically well positioned between Hood River and The Dalles. Furthermore, the center will support our businesses and provide information and welcome the many visitors to our town.

So much work and effort has already been put towards this cause and we are so close to reaching our goal. Let's not waste it!

Please come visit, next time you are in our region and please support this Mosier Capital Construction request.

With warm regards,

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