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To: Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Senator Fred Girod, Co-Vice Chair
Representative David Gomberg, Co-Vice Chair
Representative Greg Smith, Co-Vice Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means

From: City of Prineville

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, Committee Co-Vice Chairs and Committee Members,

RE: City of Prineville Water System Improvements Capital Funding Request

The City of Prineville is facing a critical need to upgrade its water infrastructure to meet the growing demands of its residents, businesses, and emergency services. Aging infrastructure, particularly the Ochoco booster pump station and the 500,000-gallon water storage reservoir, is no longer sufficient to support the community's current needs and poses significant risks for fire safety and long-term viability. The city's commitment to ensuring safe, reliable, and sustainable water services requires urgent action to replace and rehabilitate this infrastructure.

The project involves replacement of one booster pump station and rehabilitation of a 500,000 gallon water storage reservoir. Project benefits include:

- Improved fire safety by ensuring sufficient fire flow capacity.
- Enhanced system reliability to reduce the risk of service failures and improve reliability of municipal water service.
- Support for residential and economic growth.
- Long term costs savings through reduced maintenance requirements, fewer system failures, and lower operational costs over time.

The City of Prineville has submitted a capital funding request for \$1,500,000 for this project. The total project cost is \$2 million with \$500,000 in matching funds from the City. I respectfully encourage your strong support for funding this critical project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caroline Ervin", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Caroline Ervin
Director of Strategy & Economic Development