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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I am writing to strongly advocate for state funding to support the Salmonberry Trail project. This initiative offers a unique opportunity to develop an 82-mile trail that will safely and accessibly link the Oregon Coast to the Willamette Valley.

The Salmonberry Trail promises to deliver numerous benefits to Oregonians, from boosting local economies through tourism to promoting public health through active recreation. It will also improve transportation safety, providing a safer alternative for those who currently rely on busy highways. Importantly, the trail will offer equitable access to outdoor spaces, particularly for rural communities that have historically lacked investment in recreational infrastructure.

As you evaluate funding priorities, I urge you to consider the Salmonberry Trail as a key investment. This forward-thinking project will have lasting positive impacts on Oregon for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention and leadership.
