



TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Education
Senator Janeen Sollman, Co-Chair
Representative Ricki Ruiz, Co-Chair

FR: Cory Perkins, CEO and Founder, nexTC Corporation

Date: April 22, 2025

RE: SB 5525, Higher Education Coordinating Commission – Public Universities

Dear Co-Chairs Sollman and Ruiz and the members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for the continued operation and state-support for the Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Institute (ATAMI) at Oregon State University. ATAMI houses state-of-the-art equipment that is an integral part of the start-up ecosystem in Corvallis, OR. Without ATAMI, many of the hard-tech startups would be forced to leave the state of Oregon in search of better facilities – this includes nexTC. nexTC has access to many facilities across the country but chose to stay local due to ATAMI's state-of-the-art equipment and expertise.

I am confident that continued support will lead to exciting new discoveries, advancements in technology, and grow the state's economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cory Perkins'.

Cory Perkins, PhD
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