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On Behalf Of: Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5506

Dear Co-Chair Fred Girod, Co-Chair Rob Nosse and Members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

As co-founders of Vernier Software & Technology and long-time advocates for education and the arts, we are writing to voice strong support for authorizing \$85 million in Article-G Bonds for the Performing Arts + Culture Center (PACC) as part of Portland State's Capital Construction Bond Request.

The PACC is a vital project that will contribute significantly to Portland and Oregon. As dedicated members of our regional community, we view this development as an essential step toward rejuvenating our city's cultural and economic landscape. By bringing exciting and diverse live performances and events to the heart of downtown, the PACC will attract visitors, stimulate local businesses, and invigorate the local economy.

We believe that in many ways the heart of the multi-use center will be the community theater and academic spaces owned by PSU. They will create extraordinary opportunities for university and K-12 students, artists, performers and theater production workers – as well as for a wide range of arts organizations that will profoundly benefit from this visible public and private investment at a time when arts support is more important than ever.

Portland State's partnership in this landmark civic project is both laudable and exceptional. The university's motto "Let Knowledge Serve the City," encapsulates the impact that this performing arts complex will have. It will help ensure that our region remains a vibrant center of cultural and educational excellence.

Thank you for your service to Oregon, and for your ongoing dedication to supporting high-impact initiatives that benefit our community. Please support Portland State's Article-G Bond capital request and invest in the PACC.

Sincerely,

David and Christine Vernier
Co-founders, Vernier Software & Technology