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The Honorable Fred Girod, Co-Chair
The Honorable Rob Nosse, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

Dear Senator Girod and Representative Nosse,

I am writing in support of funding for House Bill 2858 and House Bill 3084 to further develop CORE3 as a dedicated Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) and multidisciplinary emergency services training center located in central Oregon.

The Oregon Department of Human Services' Office of Resilience and Emergency Management is keenly interested in the success of this project. We are committed to supporting local governments and organizations to develop capabilities to prepare for, respond to and reduce the impacts of disasters.

As the lead state agency for mass care and social services recovery, we see the need for this centrally located resource to support the needs of the emergency management community before, during and after disasters.

Of particular interest to OREM is the opportunity for a centrally located warehouse to better support evacuation and mass care needs, a designated emergency coordination center that is known to the partners and used for training and exercises to be well prepared before an incident, and as a training space OREM can use to further involve partners in mass care response.

Having this resource in central Oregon is crucial to the state's ability to support people in Oregon during the most devastating disasters, particularly the pending Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake. A need for a central Oregon location to which coastal survivors can be evacuated and from which supplies can be staged and delivered back to the coast must not be underestimated.

The previous legislative investment to begin this project should be continued by funding this current request so that people in Oregon are better supported in their worst days by an

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emergency management community that has the space and resources to prepare, train, practice and carry out the essential life-saving coordination that Oregonians deserve from their government. We urge your support of these two bills.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed A. Flick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "F".

Ed Flick
OREM Director