

Oregon City Chamber of Commerce
Jonathan Owens, Executive Director
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Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon

RE: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 1512 – Continued Funding for Prosperity 10,000

Dear Members of the Oregon State Senate,

On behalf of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce and the business community we serve, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 1512, which would continue funding for the Prosperity 10,000 initiative. This program has played an important role in supporting Oregon's economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic by helping connect job seekers with training, career pathways, and meaningful employment opportunities.

Oregon's employers continue to face workforce challenges that impact productivity, growth, and long-term economic stability. Initiatives like Prosperity 10,000 provide practical solutions by investing in skill development, expanding access to career training, and strengthening the talent pipeline that local businesses rely on. Continued investment through Senate Bill 1512 will help ensure that communities like Oregon City can sustain economic momentum while supporting workers seeking stability and advancement.

From the Chamber's perspective, workforce development is not only an economic issue but a community one. When individuals have access to education, training, and employment pathways, local businesses benefit from a stronger workforce, families gain greater financial security, and our region becomes more resilient to future economic disruptions. Programs that bridge the gap between education and industry are essential to building a thriving and inclusive local economy.

We appreciate the Legislature's leadership in advancing policies that promote workforce readiness and economic opportunity across Oregon. The continuation of Prosperity 10,000 represents a forward-thinking investment that aligns with the Chamber's mission to support a vibrant business climate and sustainable community growth.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 1512 and for your continued commitment to Oregon's economic future.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Owens
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