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SB1501

I'm writing to express my support for Senate Bill SB 1501 and the proposed renovations to the MODA Center. As someone who lives near Portland, I've seen firsthand how important the Trail Blazers and the arena are to our region, not just as entertainment, but as a source of community identity, economic activity, and civic pride.

Portland has faced meaningful economic and social challenges in recent years. Investments that encourage people to gather safely, support local businesses, and generate positive momentum for the city can play an important role in continued recovery. The MODA Center contributes to tourism, hospitality, retail activity, and family-wage jobs throughout the metro area, and maintaining a modern, competitive facility helps ensure those benefits continue for Oregon.

Beyond economics, the Blazers represent something uniquely Oregon, community, resilience, and shared experiences that cross generations and backgrounds. Keeping the team rooted in Portland and maintaining the venue they call home sends a strong signal that we believe in the future of this city and its ability to thrive.

I respectfully encourage your consideration and support of SB 1501 as an investment in both the economic vitality and community well-being of our region.