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RE: Klamath County Chamber of Commerce Letter of support for an Oregon Institute of Technology Institutional Board

Dear State Board Chair Donegan, and Members of the State Board of Higher Education,

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce represents nearly 500 businesses and organizations in Klamath County. On behalf of our members and communities we encourage your support of an Institutional Board for Oregon Tech.

Oregon Tech is a valued community asset, we partner with Oregon Tech in many ways to educate our members, improve livability in the community, and attract economic development. Oregon Tech students, faculty and administrators provide support to businesses and organizations across our region.

Our community works in partnership with Oregon Tech on a daily basis and understands the brand Oregon Tech represents in the world of education as a nationally leading Polytechnic University. It is important for Oregon Tech and the local community to continue this close partnership, in governance and promotion, to build on past success and mobilize for future opportunities. A local Institutional Board will help maintain local relationships and partnerships, and perpetuate an enduring bond between community and the institution.

The Chamber is dedicated to Oregon Tech's success and will provide support as needed in the development of a successful Institutional Board.

Thank you for your service to higher education in Oregon and supporting this effort by Oregon Tech.

Sincerely,

Charles Massie

Executive Director

On Behalf of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

"The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce is committed to Klamath County by advancing its economic vitality and quality of life through the education, promotion and networking of our members"