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Honorable Members, Multnomah County Commission
Honorable Members, Washington County Commission

Dear Members of the Commissions:

Thank you for the opportunity to write you on behalf of the candidacy of Representative Christian T. Harker for the position of State Senator for Senate District 17. I have been privileged to have known and worked with Representative Harker for several years. He is a passionate and effective advocate for education and for economic development in Oregon.

He has worked tirelessly to advance essential measures that are aimed squarely at improving the way our colleges and universities work. For example, he was the guiding light and principal sponsor who shepherded Ballot Measures 68 and 69 through the Legislature. These technical but essential constitutional measures will reduce bond borrowing costs for all the public community colleges and universities in Oregon. Representative Harker worked directly with the State Treasurer, bond counsel, and me to understand the complexities of the issues involved so that he could craft the measures and explain them to his colleagues.

That is but one of many education-related matters where Representative Harker dug deeply into the details of law and policy and emerged with plans and solutions that will help Oregon for years to come. I believe his appointment to the State Senate would be very much in the interest of Oregon and Oregonians and I urge you to consider his candidacy favorably.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George Pernsteiner