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Senator Daniel Bonham
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Representative Jeff Helfrich
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Dear Senator Bonham and Representative Helfrich,

As the Mosier Microwave Fire is being brought under control, we send this letter to re-emphasize the dire need for our community to construct its new Fire Station and Community Center.

Had this facility been in operation now as well as in past emergencies like the Mosier Creek Fire and the UPRR train derailment, we could have had:

- Incident Command Post housed "on site" rather than miles away.
- Shelter, food, water & electricity for those needing a place to go given the mandatory evacuations that some in our community endured.
- And, of course, volunteer fire staff and responding fire fighters the benefits of a contemporary and more functional fire apparatus building.

We recently provided a project update to you, Rep. Helfrich. The good news is our fund-raising efforts have produced approximately \$8m to date, of which \$1.25m has been provided by the Oregon legislature and \$300,000 donated by local families and community members.

Our total project cost is approx. \$10m including construction and soft costs. Our CMGC contractor's initial guaranteed maximum price has led us to a second round of value engineering to bring construction costs down. That work will be completed in the next two weeks. Notwithstanding the post covid construction cost escalations, we are within reach to bring this public service project to fruition. To that end, we plan to ask for your support with a funding request during the next legislative opportunity.

On behalf of our community and the many thousands of volunteer hours behind this effort, we thank you for your support for this essential public service capability in North Central Oregon.

Sincerely,

Witt Anderson, Mayor
cc: Nate Stice, Regional Solutions

Todd Reeves, President, Mosier Fire District