



Joint Letter of Support for Farm II Regional Training Center
from the Offices of Senator Hansell, SD 29 and Representative Levy, HD 58

Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

Blue Mountain Community College is spearheading a regional training center that would expand upon opportunities for the entire region. Supported as a community-based facility, this space would be shared with the City of Pendleton, Pendleton Round-Up, Happy Canyon, Umatilla County, Port of Umatilla, and the InterMountain ESD. These community partners are integral to the project because it expands the use of the facility from purely educational and training opportunities sponsored by BMCC to also include specialized competitions in equine, rodeo, and livestock.

Support for the Farm II Regional Training Center is paramount to expanding educational and training resources in Eastern Oregon. BMCC, which is one of two community colleges in all of Eastern Oregon, is a pivotal hub for resources east of HWY 97. We regularly acknowledge that workforce or CTE training is necessary for Oregon to get back on track. As we come out of the COVID-19 pandemic, that statement couldn't be more true. Beyond expanding opportunities for agriculture, livestock, and technical students, Farm II will be able to offer advanced workshops in drone usage.

The possibilities for community engagement are endless with the Farm II project and that is represented in the community partners who have signed on. Without the vast need and support from city, the port, private corporations, and the regional school district, we wouldn't be asking for the \$8,000,000.00 to support this project.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Hansell".

Senator Bill Hansell, SD 29

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Levy".

Representative Bobby Levy, HD 58

