



## Tillamook County Board of Commissioners

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The Honorable Jeff Merkley & Ron Wyden  
United States Senate

RE: Congressional Directed Spending

Dear Senator Merkley and Senator Wyden:

We are writing this letter in support of the Tillamook County Family YMCA's application for Congressional Directed Spending funds to build a 20,000 square foot program & service facility adjacent to their current facility. The YMCA is an integral community partner in Tillamook County and has demonstrated time and time again that increasing capacity of the YMCA, increases the livability of our community.

Founded in 1948, the YMCA has been at its current location since the 70's with additions made throughout the years. Previous additions have included a basketball court and track in the 80's and a warm water therapy pool and fitness center were added in 2010. Currently the YMCA serves 68% of our community members in some capacity, and provides social outlets, wellness, youth sports, adult sports, aqua therapy, rehab therapy, childcare, and additional social services. The cause of the YMCA is strengthening community, and they meet their cause through programs that do not turn away anyone regardless of inability to pay. The YMCA provides scholarships for our community to anyone in need of services regardless of race, religion, creed, status, or lifestyle and is strongly supported by the community and its efforts by raising \$250,000 annually through local fundraising.

The new facility will allow the expansion of current services including childcare, adult programming, and youth sports as well as help meet additional community needs such as support as a warming center and emergency shelter.

Lastly, the YMCA employs 80 local community members and is growing and as it completes these projects it becomes more accessible and can serve a larger population. As people become healthier, they become more productive allowing them to work, play and live in our community supporting economic vitality.

Thank you for your consideration,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

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