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To Whom it may concern:

The Friends of Mount Hood is a conservation group that has worked for almost three decades to safeguard the alpine environment of Mount Hood, including the irreplaceable meadows, streams, wildlife, and forested slopes of these important public resources. We are writing in support of the proposed project for the restoration of the historic Tilly Jane A-Frame cabin.

The cabin, along with the other contributing elements of the Cloud Cap-Tilly Jane Recreation Area Historic District, has an important place in the history of Mount Hood. The Tilly Jane A-Frame was a product of the nation's response to the Great Depression. While Timberline Lodge was under construction on the south side of the mountain the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps built this rustic cabin by hand on the north side.

For the past 80 or so years, the Tilly Jane A-Frame has been a beloved shelter for generations of outdoor enthusiasts. The cabin is the base camp for many of the climbers and hikers that are drawn to the famous backcountry of Mount Hood's north side. Day hikers from all over the world visit this site to experience a piece of our nation's history

The Tilly Jane A-Frame cabin has been a special project of the Oregon Nordic Club for many years. They are taking on this restoration project, and this effort deserves the support of all Oregonians. There is no question that the Tilly Jane A-Frame is one of Mount Hood's treasures, and the Friends of Mount Hood is pleased to support this important project.

Thank you,

/s/

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