

# MADRAS-JEFFERSON COUNTY

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COCC  
Dr. James E. Middleton, President  
Central Oregon Community College  
2600 NW College Way  
Bend, Oregon 97701

Re: Support of the Bond initiative for the November 09' ballot

Dr. Middleton,

At the Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, our Mission Statement reads; To enhance the economic vitality and livability of our culturally diverse communities. To fulfill our Mission Statement is to support the efforts of Central Oregon Community College and the Bond initiative that will be on the November 09' Ballot.

Education is the primary source of creating a valuable workforce. Workforce training programs will create skilled workers for a variety of employment opportunities in the region thus benefiting the Madras-Jefferson County Community as well. Madras has been looking forward to a COCC Campus for many years and with the land donation from the Bean Foundation, it is our hope to have a campus in the very near future.

Please accept this letter as full support of the initiative and know we will do all we can to advocate on behalf of COCC to help ensure positive results.

Sincerely,



Holli Van Wert  
Executive Director  
Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce