Board Member Letter to the Editor – Option 2

Oregon’s community colleges are more than affordable education providers — they are workforce engines and problem solvers for our state’s most pressing challenges by meeting Oregon’s needs head-on.

As a community college board of education member, I’ve witnessed how these institutions partner with local industries to provide training in fields like healthcare, construction, and social services. Graduates leave ready to fill the jobs that strengthen our communities and fuel economic growth.

Community colleges also lead the way in addressing Oregon’s priorities. Many provide mental health counseling for students, prepare addiction recovery specialists, and offer training for housing development professionals. By meeting the needs of both individuals and industries, community colleges create lasting solutions.

Legislators must recognize the essential role community colleges play and invest in their success. Well-supported community colleges are key to tackling Oregon’s challenges and building a resilient, thriving workforce.

Oregon just works better with community colleges.

Sincerely,  
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