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Mayor Lou Ogden
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Dear Mayor Ogden,

As a more than 30 year resident of Tualatin and the State Senator representing Senate District 19 (Tualatin, Lake Oswego, West Linn, Rivergrove, Durham and portions of SW Portland), I was excited to learn about Tualatin's advancement as a semi-finalist in the America's Best Communities Competition. This letter is to share my support and enthusiasm for Tualatin's Community Revitalization Plan and your efforts to connect Oregon's youth with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) education.

In recent years the Oregon Legislature has renewed its focus on providing students with industry-relevant learning experiences through career and technical education (CTE) and STEM. The goals outlined in Tualatin's Community Revitalization Plan align well with our efforts to advance STEM education at the state level. Strong communities rely on having a skilled and career-ready workforce to fill family-wage jobs, and your plans for a mobile makerspace, and the future development of a community career and creative center will give all students the access and education they need to succeed.

The partnerships you are forging between community, education, and business will create career pathways offering Tualatin's youth with many opportunities and providing Oregon's businesses with the skilled workforce they need to thrive. Tualatin is setting a wonderful example for the rest of our communities, and these efforts can be shared and replicated as other Oregon communities look to revitalize their economies.

Congratulations to the Tualatin community on their success, and I wish you the best of luck in the next round of the competition!

Sincerely,

Senator Richard Devlin
Senate District 19

