

SUZANNE BONAMICI
1ST DISTRICT, OREGON

439 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
TELEPHONE: 202-225-0855
FAX: 202-225-9497

12725 SW MILLIKAN WAY, SUITE 220
BEAVERTON, OR 97005
TELEPHONE: 503-469-6010
TOLL FREE IN 1ST DISTRICT: 800-422-4003
FAX: 503-469-6018

<http://Bonamici.house.gov>

Mayor Lou Ogden
18880 SW Martinazzi Ave.
Tualatin, OR 97062

April 11, 2016

Dear Mayor Ogden,

This letter is to congratulate you on Tualatin's selection as a Semi-Finalist in the America's Best Communities Competition and to share my enthusiasm for the Community Revitalization Plan that advanced the City to this round of the contest.

As a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, I know that the economic well-being of communities often depends on meaningful partnerships between school districts, industry stakeholders, and local municipalities. Furthermore, as a co-founder and co-chair of the Congressional Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Caucus, I understand the importance of preparing students to become dynamic and innovative thinkers who can compete in the 21st Century workforce.

I regularly tour schools and programs that demonstrate the benefits of well-rounded education that includes the arts, creative thinking, and career and technical education. I am thrilled that Tualatin's Community Revitalization Plan emphasizes school district partnerships that will facilitate stronger career pathways, a mobile makerspace that will give students the critical hands-on experience they need to succeed in STEAM fields, and the eventual development of a community career center that will give all Tualatin residents the access and education they need to pursue successful careers in high-demand sectors.

Thank you for giving Tualatin, and Oregon, the opportunity to be recognized for its innovative and thoughtful approach to workforce development. I sincerely appreciate your dedication to making Tualatin America's Best Community, and I wish you the best of luck as a Semi-Finalist.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Bonamici
Member of Congress

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND THE WORKFORCE

SUBCOMMITTEES:
EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY, AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION
HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY
SUBCOMMITTEES:
ENVIRONMENT, *RANKING MEMBER*
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY