



February 18, 2026

Scott Cooper  
Executive Director  
NeighborImpact  
2303 SW 1st Street  
Redmond, OR 97756

Re: NeighborImpact Request for FY27 Community-Initiated Project Funding

Dear Scott,

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners appreciates the opportunity to offer this letter of support for FY27 Community Initiated Project funding for the NeighborImpact Work Ready Child Care project.

Access to affordable, quality childcare is a fundamental workforce issue for our region. When families lack reliable childcare options, parents are often forced to reduce work hours, decline job opportunities, or exit the workforce entirely. This constraint on labor force participation directly impacts local employers' ability to recruit and retain qualified employees, hampering business growth and economic development throughout the county.

We understand that this project will support the childcare workforce through professional development and certification assistance, while simultaneously expanding childcare capacity by helping providers sustain and grow their operations. This dual approach is essential to creating lasting change in our region's childcare ecosystem. We encourage full support for NeighborImpact's Child Care Workforce Development Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners

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