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## Oregon Connections Telecom Conf Update: Senator Wyden Opening Keynote; Registration is Open:

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I assist the Conference Planners with outreach; if you wish to be removed from this bcc list, just let me know. Thanks! Pam Berrian

With the theme of <u>Broadband</u>: <u>Future Proofing Oregon</u>", the annual Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27, 2023 at the Ashland Hills Hotel and Suites https://ashlandhillshotel.com/. Special conference room rates are available now for reservations. We are honored to have <u>Oregon Senator Ron Wyden</u> deliver our Opening Keynote address this year live from Washington D.C. where the Senate will be in session. Senator Wyden will discuss his vision for a future where all Oregonians have access to highspeed, affordable Broadband and the tools to use it effectively.

New this year >>>> OC is Hybrid! Attend Virtually or In-Person: We are excited to make the conference more inclusive. For the first time, we will be offering live streaming via Zoom of all the keynotes and breakout sessions. The cost to "attend" is the same as in person (\$90 early registration - Now Open). This provides the opportunity for you to attend remotely if you are unable to make the trip to beautiful Southern Oregon and stay at the retro-modern, Ashland Hills Hotel for the in-person experience you've been longing for!

The Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference draws attendees from all regions of the state to share ideas, experiences, and knowledge about broadband telecommunications. This year's conference will explore how Oregon is making Broadband a reality for all Oregonians. Program topics will include workforce development, State and Federal broadband funding sources and requirements, digital inclusion, telehealth, managing public and private sector partnerships, opportunities and challenges presented by Artificial Intelligence (AI), Broadband 101, and a *What Happened to Telephone* look-back.

The Early Bird attendee registration fee is just \$90. You can find the conference on-line registration and our Sponsorship/Exhibitor opportunities at <a href="https://www.oregonconnections.info">www.oregonconnections.info</a> Please join us this October 26 and 27 in Southern Oregon!

Sincerely,

The Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference Planning Committee