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Dear Kattie Riggs,
Please find a letter attached that I have written about class AB 105, Street Rod Construction, that many students are currently taking.
Thank you for your time.
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May 14, 2025

Dear Board of Directors,

I was made aware of the planned elimination of a number of classes from the Automotive Department on May 1, 2025. This was quite upsetting for a number of Clackamas Community College Constituents.

I have been attending one of the classes for a number of years. It is AB 105 Street Rod Construction. I have called a number of people including the President of the College, Tim Cook; Executive Assistant, Kattie Riggs; David C. Plotkin, VP of Instruction and Student Services; Sara Sellards, Executive Assistant; Jeff Shaffer, VP of Finance; Armetta Burney, Dean of Technology and Applied Sciences; and Senator Mark Meek's office and spoke with a person or left a message about my concerns and gave my phone number for them to return my call. This was May 5, 2025.

May 6, 2025, I received a return call from Armetta Burney, Dean of Technology. She asked me how she could help me, very nicely. I told her my concerns about my class AB 105 Street Rod Construction. I said that the classes were always full of students and very active and productive. She informed me that the numbers have been low according to the data that she was using and that they were balancing a short fall in the budget and would be discontinued after this term. It's my understanding that the class pays for itself and even has made money.

I said to Armetta that I would like her to know where I'm coming from and said the following: I have supported Clackamas Community College since it was started. If your plan to discontinue these classes goes through, I will no longer support the college! Her comment was, I guess we are through and put the phone down very hard. On my end it sounded like she slammed it down!

I heard that the administrators are getting a raise. If this is true, how can you justify giving them a raise and at the same time down size active, productive and positive classes in the automotive program, like "AB 105 Street Rod Construction"?

These classes help many people in and out of Clackamas County. I understand there might be a short fall but we have supported the college and now we need you to support us.

Respectfully,

Earl Marble