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To: Senate Committee on Housing
Senator Shemia Fagan, Chair
Members of the Committee
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Re: **SB 10** – Establishes Density Requirements Adjacent to Transportation Corridors – **Concerns**

The League supports our statewide land use planning program **with local implementation**. Since 1959 we have been studying and participating in the development of legislation related to land use in Oregon. Land use planning is about where people live, work, play, shop and how they get there.


The League has been engaged in Portland Metro area planning, including supporting the establishment of Metro, engaging in the Regional Framework Plan and other area planning efforts, both with our local Leagues and the state League. We have been engaged in working on policies to reduce vehicle miles traveled around the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning efforts, including support for passage in 2009 of SB 1059. And we support state investments in transit. We were pleased to see that a new system for increasing transit around the state was included in [HB 2017](#) (2017). We understand the need to be sure our state investments provide outcomes we all want—in this case, increased housing near transit.

However, we are concerned about two issues:

- 1) We believe there needs to be a recognition that infrastructure such as sewer and water should be taken into consideration—either by providing financing for same or by allowing for exceptions because of the lack of capacity, and
- 2) This set of requirements ought not to be in place for urban growth boundaries where urban services do not currently exist. We recognize that much within Metro’s urban growth boundary has urban services. That is not the case in most of the rest of the state where about 49 others cities would get caught up in this legislation.

The League supports the underlying concept of maximizing state-provided investments, but believes this legislation should be narrowed to address those areas where the outcome is really possible. We ask that you amend this legislation to reflect our concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.


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