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Rep. Daniel Bonham
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Honorable Representative Bonham,

Please consider this letter as the City of The Dalles' support for the state funding request submitted by the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency for Hanlon Development Company's mixed-use development project known as Celilo Flats. As proposed Celilo Flats would consist of approximately 50 to 60 rental units located above ground floor retail space on a site that was previously an automobile dealership located in downtown The Dalles. For the past several years, the site's vacant buildings and parking areas have had a negative impact on surrounding businesses and property values. When occupied the Celilo Flats residents and businesses will bring a new vitality to the immediate area and aid in the overall renaissance of The Dalles downtown.

The Dalles has been identified by the state as a Severely Rent Burden Community, wherein more than 29% of renter households pay more than 50% of monthly income on rent. This proposed development will bring needed rental housing units to the market, and more importantly to the downtown area.

The City, together with the Urban Renewal Agency, business and property owners, and other community partners are currently engaged in a downtown visioning process. Developments such as Celilo Flats will act as a catalyst in realizing the community's vision for downtown, stimulating economic development and providing much needed rental housing.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Krueger
City Manager

Cc: City Council
Urban Renewal Agency