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Representative Helm, Chair
House Committee on Water
900 Court Street NE, HR D
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair Reardon, and Members of the Committee:

Opposition to HB 2310

Albany strongly opposes and urges your NO vote on HB 2310.

HB 2310 would impose unnecessary restrictions on the design and construction of critical drinking water infrastructure. Selection of pipe material is a technical decision made by our design engineers and operations staff, based on a number of criteria including initial cost, soil corrosivity, operating pressure, structural integrity, and maintenance and life cycle costs. Legislation to impose a one-size fits all mandate on pipe material eliminates sound engineering judgement and could impact public health, increase long-term maintenance costs, or result in failure of critical infrastructure.

Albany joins with other Oregon municipalities and agencies, the Oregon Association of Clean Water, and League of Oregon Cities and urges you to vote no HB 2310. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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