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Rep. Pam Marsh, Chair
Members, House Committee on Energy & Environment
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2488, -2

Dear Chair Marsh and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2488, -2. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that has worked with Oregonians for more than 40 years to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice. 1000 Friends' work includes ensuring that climate change is incorporated into Oregon's land use planning program, in particular in transportation and housing planning.

We submitted testimony at the first hearing on HB 2488, to support the framework it establishes to expand the significant work that the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) and the Department (DLCD) have undertaken to address climate change through reducing, in particular, transportation-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through land use planning.

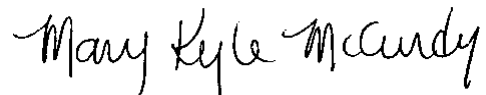
We support the -2 amendments to HB 2488, which require LCDC to adopt a climate justice Goal 20. This will incorporate climate analysis into major land use planning decisions, including urban growth boundary decisions and comprehensive plans policies on public facilities and services, natural hazards, natural resource, economic development, housing and transportation. public facilities and services, natural hazards, natural resources, economic development, housing and transportation.

The impact will be significant, to reduce GHG emissions, enhance carbon sequestration, mitigate the impacts of climate change and reduce sprawl and non-resource uses on lands that produce food, provide habitat, and support healthy forests.

We also support the objective of HB 2488, -2 to incorporate racial justice and equity into land use planning, including addressing current and past discrimination that results today in the burdens of climate change being inequitably borne by Black and Indigenous communities and people of color.

Should the funding be sufficient, we recommend incorporating racial justice and equity across the land use system, through revising Land Use Goal 1, Public Involvement. Goal 1 applies to each of the other statewide planning Goals. It should be revised to ensure that all Oregonians, and especially BIPOC communities and those who have been historically left out of land use decision-making, are part of that decision-making, and that the substantive outcomes take into account the disparate impacts of past discriminatory land use practices to those groups and communities.

Thank you for consideration of our comments.

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Mary Kyle McCurdy
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