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Chairman John Lively State Representative House Economic Recovery & Prosperity Committee State Capitol 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chairman Lively and Committee Members:

The City of Cornelius strongly supports HB 4092, which will fund and address deficiencies in broadband deployment in rural and urban areas in the state and to promote digital equity and literacy. This bill will ensure that a system of robust, sustainable and statewide broadband services connect Oregonians into the future.

For the entire state to remain attractive and competitive to new business and retaining existing ones, we must enter an improved digital environment by advancing broadband to all areas of Oregon. This broadband expansion will also bring new connection capabilities to residential locations to promote statewide connectivity.

The State and US Government are currently poised to make unprecedented capital investments to address deficiencies in broadband deployment. This investment will enable most Oregonians without broadband to connect to work, education services, religious services, medical care, social connection and more.

As a member of the League of Oregon Cities, we want our rural cities and county partners to be able to benefit from being connected to one another and the world. Please support HB 4092 as amended.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rob Drake City Manager