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Chair Representative Dexter
Vice Chair Representative Gamba
Vice Chair Representative Helfrich
Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Dexter, Vice-Chair Gamba, and Vice-Chair Helfrich:

I'm writing this letter to request your support for House Bill 3174, which provides much needed grant resources to cities and counties to increase the supply of housing supply in our regions.

We stand in support of House Bill 3174 and the crucial resources the bill would provide to cities and counties to permit and approve housing developments faster, and to help people in need find housing by providing resources to train and hire regional housing coordinators and housing liaisons.

We recognize homelessness as a critical problem in our community. Our goal is to help transition participants to permanent supportive housing or other appropriate housing. With the support of partners and other agencies, efforts are underway to help prevent homelessness, manage homelessness, and end homelessness. The existing service network is limited in its capacity. An infusion of 400 to 500 more people focused on planning, permitting and approving plans for housing at the local level would result in more housing choices across the State of Oregon and benefit our residents.

The City of Salem appreciates your support for House Bill 3174.

Sincerely,

Mayor Chris Hoy
City of Salem

cc: Salem Legislative Delegation

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