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Senate Committee On Labor and Business
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, OR 97301

Re: **SB 850**

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of the City of La Pine, and our respective Council in opposition to Senate Bill 850.

As you may know, this legislation, while potentially well intentioned, will cause significant hardships for communities across the state in meeting infrastructure and housing goals in an already challenging environment.

This will be even more predominantly felt in rural communities like La Pine, in which we struggle to attract and retain qualified contractors to service our rapidly growing community. At a time with so much uncertainty in our collective regional and national economies, the labor market, and in our organizational capacity to meet ever increasing statutory requirements, heightened regulation only serves to stifle our growth and prosperity.

There are many competing priorities that seek redress through the legislative process, but I urge you and your colleagues in the Senate to prioritize the political subdivisions across our great state, so that Salem can focus on more important matters of broad policy, and local government can continue to provide for the common needs of our constituents.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and appreciate your advocacy on our behalf.

Sincerely,

Geoff Wullschlager
City Manager
City of La Pine

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