

May 3, 2023

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Steiner and Representative Sanchez and members of the committee,

I am reaching out to you today to seek your support for the **City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response Project**.

Our community needs your help to deliver a solution for McMinnville. We support the City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response. Our utility workers are out in the community everyday providing and maintaining services in the public right of way. Today, that right-of-way, which is intended for commerce, travel, and utilities, is too often the home of the unfortunate. With nowhere else to go, the destitute, mentally ill, and those suffering from addiction are forced to literally live on the street. Without real homes, the best that these poor people can do is to continually be on the move. It is our observation that, with no home, there is little hope. For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support McMinnville's Homeless Response project.

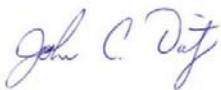
### **City of McMinnville's Homelessness Response: \$6,742,505 Direct Allocation**

The City of McMinnville has identified four (4) construction projects that will increase our city's bed capacity to over 100+ new beds. The city was able to secure funding from regional and local partners for one of the projects and has reduced the original request. The remaining three (3) projects are ready to be built. The city seeks a direct allocation request of \$6,742,505 for the combined three remaining housing projects.

Again, as general manager of the city's municipal utility, with eyes on our streets every day, I support this project.

If you need more information or have questions, please contact Heather Richards at [heather.richards@mcminnvilleoregon.gov](mailto:heather.richards@mcminnvilleoregon.gov) C: 971.287.8322 or Jody Christensen at [jody.christensen@mcminnvilleoregon.gov](mailto:jody.christensen@mcminnvilleoregon.gov) C: 971.387.1800.

Sincerely,



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