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Thank you Co-Chair Holvey and committee members for allowing the City of Aumsville to be represented and heard today.

My name is Angelica Ceja Ochoa. I am the Mayor for the City of Aumsville. I want to start off by saying that every rural community faces its share of unique challenges, and the city of Aumsville is no exception.

In 2017, DEQ began enforcing EPA standards for TMDL and ammonia limits. The city of Aumsville's wastewater system is not able to meet these new standards. DEQ issued an enforcement action against the city, which in effect requires that Aumsville build a new wastewater treatment facility, or we face daily fines. The new system is estimated to cost 28- to 30-million dollars. Despite having applied for numerous grants to date, we have only been able to secure 4.3 million over roughly the last 4 years.

As a small community we are effectively locked out of the grant process due to the high cost associated with grant submissions. If we're unable to find any further assistance, Aumsville's 4,200 residents will be facing a utility bill running nearly \$300 per month. This is simply not affordable and does not go along with Oregon's affordable housing goals. Affordable housing encompasses more than controlled rent, housing vouchers and mortgage interest rates. If utilities and the cost of living offset the affordability of a house, Oregon's goals will not be met. What good is a home if the residents of my community can't afford to live in it? Almost a 1/4 of my town are under the federal poverty guidelines and the next are just above it, living paycheck to paycheck.

The city council and I, along with city staff have been actively reaching out to our residents to make them aware of this issue. We have literally been going door to door. Along with my testimony, I have included a letter from the community asking that this committee support and prioritize the city of Aumsville's request for help, it contains over 700 signatures. That's one signature for almost every utility bill we send out.

As the Mayor, I urge you to support funding our project, by doing so you will be helping a small rural community of Oregon maintain its affordability. So that the City of Aumsville can continue to be a great place to live, because without it, Aumsville faces the very real possibility of becoming a ghost town.

Respectfully,

Angelica Ceja Ochoa
Mayor of Aumsville

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May 2, 2023

From: City of Aumsville Residents

Subject: Aumsville Wastewater Project Funding

To Whom It May Concern:

In 2017, DEQ conducted an annual review of Aumsville's wastewater system and concluded that the city's system is unable to meet the EPA and DEQ standards for NPDES with effluent waste, particularly for TMDL and ammonia levels. DEQ took an immediate enforcement position with the city. If no changes were to be made, the city would face high fines by DEQ and EPA. In late 2017, the city signed a mutual agreement order to install a mechanical processing system that would introduce the necessary treatment process to lower the ammonia levels in the output, and provide for overall cleaner water in the final stages of processing. The new process would result in beneficial environmental impacts to Beaver Creek and local groundwater.

With just 4,000 residents, the cost of constructing a new facility without outside assistance is cost-prohibitive and greatly decreases the affordability of living in Aumsville. The cost of operating the new sewer system alone would double the existing monthly sewer bill. If we include capital costs, our estimates would put the sewer portion of the utility bill between \$200-250 per month. After adding the water to this price, the utility bill would be over \$300 per month for the average water/sewer bill in the city. As a small, rural community just above the medium income threshold for HUD based on the most recent census, this heavily increased cost would leave many of the residents of Aumsville who are on fixed incomes struggling to cover utility costs at this level.

As a resident of Aumsville, I know families cannot afford such a drastic increase in utility costs. Please assist our community in leveraging state and federal grants to help fund this required project.

Sincerely,

Residents of Aumsville

The following individuals have requested their name be included in this letter of support from the community. These names were collected in person, and online at <https://www.aumsville.us/publicworks/webform/wastewater-letter-support>

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| (Peggy) M. M. Beach |
| Aaron Cain |
| Abigail Darby |
| Adam Axtell |
| Adam Turner |
| Adam York |
| Adell Kellog |
| Aiden Lenard |
| Aiden Ward |
| Alda Adri S |
| Alejandra Fuentes |
| Alex Smith |
| Alexandra Cady |
| Alexia Joseph |
| Alfonso Garcia |
| Alfonso Garcia Palafox |
| Alissa Newton |
| Allan Schmidt |
| Alonso Portillo |
| Alyana Barraza |
| Amanda Johnson |
| Amber Chytka |
| Amber Dalton |
| Amber Jandera |
| Amporo Zamudiobucio |
| Amy Adair |
| Amy Pettinger |
| Amy Tick |
| Amylynn Evans |
| Ana Barrera |
| Andrea Kaderly |
| Andrea Wallace |
| Andrew Antonson |
| Andrew Fuller |
| Andria Beattie |
| Angel Teran |
| Angela Deno |
| Angelika Black |
| Annabel Barraza |
| Annabella Solomon |
| Anthony Alaniz |
| Antonio Corona |
| Arlene Ray |

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| Armando Rivera |
| Arthur Burns |
| Ashlee Britton |
| Ashlee Britton |
| Ashlee Parsons |
| Ashlee Schoonover |
| Ashley Cox |
| Ashley Wilson |
| Ashlyn Herrmann |
| Aubriaunna Brennan |
| Audrey Lebow |
| Austin Herrmann |
| Austin Holk |
| Avary Beattie |
| Barbara Blanchard |
| Barbara Martin |
| Barbara Slimak |
| Becky Wilkins |
| Bella Heimbuch |
| Ben Belden |
| Bernard Mendoza |
| Bethany Cherry |
| Bethany Johnston |
| Betty Rebo |
| Beverly Daniels |
| Beverly Van Pelt |
| Bobby Kissel |
| Boe Evans |
| Bonnie Baxter |
| Bonnie S Reed |
| Brad Baldwin |
| Brad Muse Jr |
| Bradley Muse |
| Brandie Harris |
| Brandon Janes |
| Brandyn Huff |
| Brenda Jeppesen |
| Brenda Schmidt |
| Brenda Weaver |
| Brent Griffith |
| Bret Froemke |
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| Brett Richardson |

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| Brian Czarnik |
| Brian Haner |
| Brian Richardson |
| Brian Wagner |
| Brianna Velazquez Brown |
| Brice Nelso |
| Brittany Thompson |
| Brittany Watson |
| Brittany Weber |
| Brody Tucker |
| Brody Tucker |
| Bruce Purdy |
| Bryanna Newell |
| Byron Webb |
| Cade Cretella |
| Caleb Walker |
| Caleb Wilkens |
| Carole Pflug |
| Carrie Murphy |
| Carson Harbick |
| Carson Teasdale |
| Carter Condon |
| Cassandra Sanders |
| Cassie Cline |
| Catherine Ames |
| Cathleen Ruiz |
| Celena Willman |
| Charles Yutzie |
| Charlotte Bartosz |
| Chasity Ferguson |
| Chelsea Lynch |
| Cheri Gibson |
| Cheryl Mckinney |
| Chris Chytka |
| Chris Housley |
| Chris Thomas |
| Chrissy Baxter |
| Christina Dyk |
| Christina Spence |
| Christine Carlton |
| Christine Spence |
| Cindy Rowe |
| Clara Asman |

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| Clara Bullington |
| Clinton Berry |
| Conner Daniel |
| Connie Halligan |
| Cory Brister |
| Courtney Brennan |
| Craig Miller |
| Craig Pettinger |
| Cristal Boyd |
| Crystal Guenero |
| Cynthia Dunn |
| Cynthia Hicks |
| Dale Beattie |
| Dale Dupree |
| Damon Maes |
| Damon Teasdale |
| Dana Thomas |
| Danielle Janes |
| Danny Santibanez |
| Dari Jonorma |
| Darien Fagin |
| Darla Hampton |
| Darlene Loyd |
| Darlene Nixon |
| Darren Sykes |
| Darrin Wagers |
| Darvin Cox |
| Dave Geck |
| David Gorbett |
| David Ingram |
| David J Douglas |
| David Majesky |
| David Matthews |
| Dayadevi Heart |
| Dean Garren |
| Deann Douglas |
| Deanna Cox |
| Deanna Oliva |
| Debbie Cox |
| Deborah Anderson |
| Deborah Ingram |
| Deborah Mcelwain |
| Debra Loyd |
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| Debra Sphoon |
| Deletta Fuller |
| Della Seney |
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| Denise Boutell |
| Dennis Deno |
| Dennis Richards |
| Dennis Wallace |
| Derek Clevenger |
| Devin Neumann |
| Dianne Lucas |
| Dody Thompson |
| Dominique Eaton |
| Don Hill |
| Don Mclain |
| Donna Berning |
| Donna Hoag |
| Donna Houghter |
| Doris Mcdaniel |
| Duane Woodley |
| Dustin Lindemann |
| Dustin Shores |
| Dwight Bales |
| Dydhi Barraza |
| Ed Santibanez |
| Ed Schaecher |
| Edmond Drake |
| Edwin Hernandez |
| Edwin Ost |
| Elisia Kunz |
| Elizabeth Bell |
| Elizabeth Wall |
| Ella Rowe |
| Elly Collins |
| Emily Walters |
| Emma Rowe |
| Eric Bryant |
| Eric Mitchell |
| Erick Brady |
| Erik Davidson |
| Erik Davidson |
| Erin Dietrich |
| Esther Neufeldt |
| Ethan Brennan |

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| Eugene Bullington |
| Felicia Sorsini |
| Felix Martinez |
| Francis Meadows Holley |
| Frank Loyd |
| Gabriel Solomon |
| Gary Amundson |
| Gary Weaver |
| Gavin Legner |
| Gean Smith |
| Gene Kempema |
| Gilbert Wagers |
| Gina Mongenel |
| Gina Panther |
| Gina Reinhardt |
| Glen Treiber |
| Gloria Hill |
| Gordon Willmschen |
| Gregg Carnell |
| Gregory Hudson |
| Gregory Mozzillo |
| Gregory Pewtress |
| Gretchen Gaudaar |
| Gretchen Putman |
| Gustavo Plancarte |
| Hailey Wiltsey |
| Harold Baughn |
| Harrey Whitman |
| Harry Martin |
| Hayley Brewster |
| Heather Fender |
| Heather Fender |
| Heather Mitchel |
| Henry Daniels |
| Henry Mendenhall |
| Holly Graham |
| Holly Graham |
| Holly Thomas |
| Howard Duayne Mckinney |
| Iida Edit Leal |
| Inez Hagen |
| Iosefa Scanlan |
| Isaiah Roniger |
| Jack Pflug |

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| Jaime Pickering |
| Jake Hanes |
| Jake Marlatt |
| Jalynn Huff |
| James Tate |
| James Whitney |
| Jamie Coleman |
| Janet Walliman |
| Janice Jenkins |
| Janice Sterling |
| Jared Peterson |
| Jarod Carter |
| Jary Neufeldt |
| Jasmine Fery |
| Jason Mentzer |
| Jason Parsons |
| Jason Van Dorp |
| Jasper Saelio |
| Jay M Mcelwain |
| Jeanelle Scott |
| Jeannine Vasilie |
| Jedadiah Eslinger |
| Jeff Layman |
| Jefferson Oggq |
| Jeffrey Smith |
| Jenifer Jarrett |
| Jenna Barnhart |
| Jennie C Rollins |
| Jennifer Brady |
| Jennifer Desantis |
| Jennifer Haner |
| Jennifer Horton |
| Jennifer Knieriemen |
| Jennifer Molan |
| Jeremiah Lindquist |
| Jeremy Chapman |
| Jeremy Rowe |
| Jerilyn Webb |
| Jerri Hutchings |
| Jerry Fraser |
| Jerry Wardin |
| Jesse Marquette |
| Jesse McClendon |

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| Jessica Casarez |
| Jessica Davidson |
| Jessica Davidson |
| Jessica Lickie |
| Jessica Robbins |
| Jessica Seney |
| Jewel Trussell |
| Joan Mathias |
| Jodi Brennan |
| Jody Halligan |
| Joe Hampton |
| Joe Sprout |
| Joel Mathias |
| Joel Zamudiobucio |
| Joey Teran |
| John Cretella |
| John Hawksworth |
| John Holley |
| John O Reilly |
| John Perry |
| John Rinaker |
| John Sauer |
| Jon Morrow |
| Jonathan Solomon |
| Jordan Dyk |
| Jose Andres Casarez |
| Jose Rodriguez |
| Josefina Swann |
| Joseline Salazar |
| Joseph William Hause |
| Josh Metzinger |
| Josh Powell |
| Jossalynn Wright |
| Journi Perkins |
| Joy Medlock |
| Joyce Van Dorp |
| Juan Guerrero |
| Judy Mcgee |
| Juell Joseph Jr |
| Julianne Dsune |
| Julianne Major |
| Julie Depree |
| Julie Geck |
| Justin Walters |

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| Kady Murfin |
| Kaitlyn Gregory |
| Kali Lucero |
| Kameron Van Houten |
| Karen Dunham |
| Karen Everle |
| Karen Lucas |
| Karen Vandagriff |
| Karen Wells |
| Karla Willmschen |
| Karlene Santibanez |
| Karli Heimbuch |
| Karyn Glass |
| Katherine Davenport |
| Kathleen Gould |
| Kathleen Ott |
| Kathleen Smathers |
| Kathy Berry |
| Kathy Biedie |
| Kathy Boon |
| Kathy Hook |
| Kathy Johnson |
| Kathy Smith |
| Katie Reynolds |
| Katie Scott |
| Katie Wallace |
| Kayla Golden |
| Kayla Klecker |
| Kaylah Fagin |
| Keith Slaughter |
| Kellie Ost |
| Kelly Oss |
| Kelsie Walker |
| Ken Anderson |
| Kendal Berning |
| Kevin Baker |
| Kevin Donahue |
| Kevin Etherton |
| Kevin Kunz |
| Kevin Solomon |
| Kiersten Van Dorp |
| Kiley Brenna |
| Kimberly Downing |

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| Kinberly Teal |
| Kip Gottfried |
| Koreen Griffith |
| Kristen Stoddard |
| Kristi Esquivel |
| Kristin Purdy |
| Kristina Casto |
| Kristina Jara |
| Kristine Schaefer |
| Kristine Solomon |
| Kyle Barnhart |
| Kyle Brunson |
| Kyle Free |
| Kyle Kniffin |
| Larry Hoover |
| Larry Mylleubeck |
| Larry Roebke |
| Laura Oss |
| Laura Rinaker |
| Laura Sykes |
| Lauren Webb |
| Lawrence Chytka |
| Lawrence Hetrick |
| Leann Creech |
| Leanna Rodriguez |
| Leona Chavez |
| Leroy Burke |
| Leslie Caudill |
| Leyon Maes |
| Linda Doran |
| Linda Lethe |
| Linda Marr |
| Linda Mclain |
| Linda Mills |
| Linda Richards |
| Linda Woodall |
| Lindsey Cretella |
| Lindsey Holk |
| Lisa Bettis |
| Lisa Chichester |
| Liseli Barraza |
| Lissa Bales |
| Liz Salinas |
| Liz Wall |

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| Lorie Bays |
| Lyle Hoag |
| Lynette Gilbert |
| Madalyn Bones |
| Madison Harbick |
| Madisyn Fagin |
| Mallory Hook |
| Mallory Smotherman |
| Maranda Casto |
| Margaret Potter |
| Maria Avalos Villa |
| Maria Kunz |
| Maria Montiel Gomez |
| Maria Ramirez |
| Mariah Marlatt |
| Mariah Sichley |
| Mark Hargrove |
| Mark Holman |
| Mark Lucas |
| Mark Sanders |
| Marnie Weeks |
| Marta Barraza |
| Martin Salinas |
| Marty Wilkins |
| Marvin Smith |
| Marvin Smith |
| Mary Mondragon |
| Mary Stella |
| Mateo Ruff |
| Matt Hagen |
| Matt Halseth |
| Matt Saelio |
| Maureen Halligan |
| Mayson Olson |
| Megan Gapp |
| Megan Williams |
| Meghan Bridges |
| Melanie Hudson |
| Melissa Anderson |
| Melissa Davidson |
| Melissa Eaton |
| Melody West |
| Melony Mozzillo |
| Michael Brown |

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| Michael Desantis |
| Michael Harbick Sr |
| Michael Helm |
| Michael Lucas |
| Michael Marr Jr |
| Michael Radke |
| Michelle Axtell |
| Michelle Weaver |
| Michelle Wick |
| Mike Booze |
| Mike Cline |
| Mike Harbick |
| Mike Isom |
| Mike Manrubia |
| Mike Marsh |
| Mindy Harbick |
| Misty Yarmer |
| Monique Sawyers |
| Monse Plancarte |
| Morgan Ward |
| Myles Sterling |
| Nancy Forrest |
| Nancy Mcmillian |
| Nancy Mcphail |
| Nancy Noack |
| Nathan Major |
| Nelda Mcmillan |
| Nicholas Coffey |
| Nicole Canup |
| Norm Adelman |
| Norma Sehorn |
| Odas Coleman |
| Olivia Chytka |
| Olivia Sawyers |
| Pamela Britton |
| Patricia Hetrick |
| Patricia Rollins |
| Patricia Watts |
| Patrick Falk |
| Patsy Russell |
| Paul Lott |
| Peggy Sauer |
| Penny Burke |
| Piper Stirling |

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| Quincy Webb |
| Raden Saelio |
| Ramon Velazquez |
| Ramona Lopez |
| Randy Favre |
| Randy L. Gould |
| Rebecca Gasperetti |
| Rebecca Tilden |
| Rebecca Wilson |
| Rebekah Gould |
| Remy Sterling |
| Renae Carrizal |
| Renee Acheson |
| Rex Lucas |
| Rhonda Bones |
| Rhonda Dunlap |
| Richard Davis |
| Richard Halligan |
| Richard Thompson |
| Rick Dunn |
| Rick Harris |
| Riley Juel |
| Riley Sterling |
| Riyan Ward |
| Rob Pynch |
| Robert Dietrich |
| Robert Gibbs |
| Robert Juel |
| Robert Ritchie |
| Robert Rule |
| Robin Sischo |
| Rod Mongenel |
| Rodney Potter |
| Roland Lethe |
| Ronald Whetten |
| Rosa Mendoza |
| Royce Marlin |
| Ruben Vorquez |
| Russell Rollins |
| Ryan Bell |
| Ryan Wilkins |
| Ryon Boyd |
| Salvador Carrizal |
| Sam Mcphail |

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| Samantha Pynch |
| Samantha Smith |
| Samantha Wallen |
| Sandra Teran |
| Sandra Whetten |
| Sandra Wilkens |
| Sandy Vandagriff |
| Santos "Nico" Casarez |
| Sara Carroll |
| Sarah Baldwin |
| Sarah Fuller |
| Sarah Jones |
| Sarah Orton |
| Sarah Ryes |
| Scott Lee |
| Scott Schramm |
| Sean Barnhart |
| Sean Davenport |
| Sean Obooen |
| Sequoia Cretella |
| Shakia Wieglanda |
| Shane Johnson |
| Shane Newton |
| Shannon Evans |
| Shannon Gasperetti |
| Shara Simmons |
| Sharon Teixeira |
| Shauna Smith |
| Shawn Allen |
| Shawn Gibson |
| Shawn Keplinger |
| Shawna Marlin |
| Shawna Scanlan |
| Shelby Anderson |
| Shelby Berry |
| Shelby Talent |
| Sherry Fletcher |
| Sherye Tyler |
| Sheryl Hughes |
| Shirley Ackerman |
| Skip Collins |
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| Slade Hudson |
| Stacey Barnhart |

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| Stephanie Keplinger |
| Stephanie Yutzie |
| Steven Busby |
| Steven McMahan |
| Steven Seney |
| Steven Ward |
| Steven Weeks |
| Susan Anderson |
| Susan Carnell |
| Susan Clausen |
| Susan Nelson |
| Suzette Priest |
| Sylvia Baker |
| Tamela Brevier |
| Tammi Burns |
| Tammy Bennett |
| Tammy Fischer |
| Tania Halligan |
| Tasha Preston |
| Taylor Guidos |
| Taylor Wahem |
| Teresa Hyde |
| Teresa Jarrett |
| Teri Orahood |
| Terrie Hill |
| Terry Conover |
| Theresa Anderson |
| Thomas Boon |
| Tianna Carroll |
| Tiffany Bergerson |
| Tim Dean |
| Tim Hein |
| Tim Sphoon |
| Timothy Gibson |
| Timothy Willson |
| Tobi Harlukowicz |
| Todd Bowen |
| Todd Weaver |
| Toni Zochert |
| Tonya Crow |
| Tonya Wright |

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| Toya Turner |
| Travis Coots |
| Travis Hicks |
| Trevor Bednarz |
| Trevor Eaton |
| Tricia Schaecher |
| Tricia Tatum |
| Trina Ward |
| Trinity Holloway |
| Trisha Walborn |
| Ty Weber |
| Tyler Fender |
| Tyler Johnson |
| Tyler Thompson |
| Valerie Lang |
| Veronica Linan |
| Vevagene Burns |
| Vicky Barber |
| Victor Griffith |
| Victor Schaefer |
| Virgil Kirkland |
| Virginia Chadwick |
| Virginia Tucker |
| Waldo Baker |
| Walker |
| Walt Davis |
| Walter Wick |
| Wendy Moore |
| Will Hook |
| Willard Keen |
| William Allen |
| William Baxter |
| William Hook |
| William Lambert |
| William Sawyers |
| Yessenia Plancarte |
| Yong Chao Wu |
| Zackary Heimbuch |