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On Behalf Of: Clutch Multifamily Development
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction
Measure: HB5030

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to strongly advocate for Capital Project funding for the City of Stayton, Oregon to improve its sewer infrastructure. The need for this funding has become especially critical as Stayton is seeking to develop a new multifamily project that could produce up to 140 new units of housing, which could not only address the state's housing crisis, but also bring additional benefits to the community, the people, and the town.

Below are some of the key benefits that would result from this investment:

More Housing: The sewer infrastructure improvements would enable Stayton to develop more housing units, which is a key priority for the state of Oregon as it tries to address its housing crisis. The new multifamily project in Stayton alone could create up to 140 new units of housing which would be a significant boost for the local community. This would also allow for additional support for more housing and housing types in the area. The investment in Stayton's infrastructure will allow us to continue to contribute to the needed growth in multiple projects. The benefits expand beyond just housing, with improvements in economics, tax base, and revitalization happening far into the future.

Economic Growth: The development of new housing units in Stayton would also have significant economic benefits. It would attract new residents, businesses, and increase spending in the town, which could help to revitalize the downtown area.

Supporting Rural Towns: Stayton is a small rural town, and by providing funding for infrastructure improvements, the state of Oregon would be demonstrating its commitment to supporting rural communities. This would send a strong message to other rural towns that the state is committed to investing in their future.

Environmental Benefits: By investing in the sewer infrastructure, the state would be reducing the risk of environmental damage that could result from a failing sewer system. This investment would ensure that the local environment remains healthy for future generations.

Community Health: The improvements to the sewer infrastructure would improve the overall health of the local community by reducing the risk of sewage-related

illnesses.

In summary, Capital Project funding for Stayton, Oregon would have far-reaching benefits, including more housing, economic growth, support for rural towns, environmental benefits, and improved community health. This investment is critical to supporting the growth and development of Stayton and its surrounding areas.

Thank you for considering this request for funding. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Chris Blackburn

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