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On Behalf Of: City of Waldport

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction

Measure: HB5030

Thank you Co Chairs Gerod and Holvey, and other honorable members of the Subcommittee,

Greetings, for the record, my name is Dann Cutter, and I am speaking today as the City Manager of the city of Waldport, located along the coastline in the southern portion of Lincoln county.

The city has been working with your colleague Representative David Gomberg on an effort to secure \$2.2 million in funding for the development of sewer infrastructure for our woefully underutilized industrial park area, an area that sits nearly empty as businesses struggle to develop without access to municipal sewer.

This funding, along with city and business contributions, will provide a large pump station and over a mile of sewer line... but what it will truly provide are lasting jobs. Jobs and opportunities in an economically depressed region. Jobs created by the ability to utilize this area to create and expand businesses, to innovate and to grow.

And with the support from this committee, this funding will be the spark that gets this industrial land utilized. To creating a much-needed opportunity to create an economic foundation for this coastal community not based solely on tourism and fishing. Business are waiting to invest... but they need this kick start to get it going. Just this week, we saw a major announcement of a project in this park... a project deeply counting on this sewer connection.

This is an investment which will get people working. It is the culmination of 20 years of effort, investment, and planning... from a small community with big possibilities. We are ready to build.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our request, and the city of Waldport urges your consideration and support. Thank you.