

February 1, 2024

Joint Ways and Means Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: **House Bill 4134: Housing Oregon's Workforce (HOW)**

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Steiner and Representative Sanchez and Vice-Chairs Senator Girod, Representative Gomberg, and Representative Smith and members of the committee:

I am reaching out to you to support **HB 4134 Housing Oregon's Workforce (HOW)**.

The City of McMinnville is hoping to receive \$2,000,000 for water infrastructure required for pressure Zone 2 to serve 290 lots in a subdivision that cannot proceed towards construction without it. This is a subdivision that has been approved since 2007 and cannot move forward without this water infrastructure improvement. Each lot could host up to four housing units, and the developer has agreed to set aside 30% of the housing units for workforce housing (households making 130% of AMI or less). This housing project is ready to proceed once funding for the infrastructure is received. In addition, this improvement will also serve approximately 470 additional lots in our UGB in the future.

We urge your support of **HB 4134 Housing Oregon's Workforce (HOW)**.

Sincerely,



John C. Dietz
General Manager