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House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB4128

My name is Larry Morgan, and I serve as the Government Relations and Policy Advisor for the City of Gresham. Through this written testimony, I wish to express our strong and unequivocal support for House Bill 4128 on behalf of the City of Gresham. This legislation is crucial for our community, promising much-needed advancements in our critical infrastructure that are essential for our continued growth and the well-being of our residents.

HB4128 stands as a significant opportunity for Gresham to enhance the quality of life for our community. It does so by ensuring the provision of reliable and safe critical infrastructure, which is the backbone of public health and economic vitality. The allocation of over \$3 million towards critical infrastructure in Gresham as facilitated by this bill will enable us to address current challenges effectively and lay the groundwork for sustainable development.

More specifically, this direct allocation will support at least 500 new housing units in Gresham, providing critical housing options for our central city. This initiative directly aligns with our city's goals to expand access to housing and stimulate community development. By fostering a more robust infrastructure, HB4128 not only addresses immediate needs but also serves as a catalyst for attracting investment, spurring economic activity, and enhancing educational opportunities within our community.

We are deeply appreciative of being included among the projects recognized for state support. This inclusion underscores the collaborative spirit that Oregon is known for, demonstrating a commitment to addressing the needs of communities statewide. The City of Gresham is ready and eager to work alongside the state, leveraging this bill's support to make significant strides in improving our critical infrastructure and, by extension, the lives of those we serve.

In conclusion, the City of Gresham fully supports the passage of HB4128. We see this bill as not just a legislative priority but as a fundamental component of our city's future success and resilience. We thank you for your consideration of our support and look forward to the positive impact that this legislation will undoubtedly have on our community and the state of Oregon.

Sincerely,



Larry Morgan
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