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Representative Lucetta Elmer
District 24
900 Court St. NE, H-374
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Dear Representative Elmer,

I am reaching out to you today to seek your support for HB 5201. The City of McMinnville is seeking a \$4,000,000 direct allocation to help with the Third Street Improvement Project. This project will fix deteriorated downtown infrastructure that has led to accessibility and safety issues and will define the character for the next generation.

McMinnville has BIG CITY challenges without access to BIG CITY resources. As a city of 35,000 people, we are **too SMALL** to be eligible for federal programs AND **too BIG** to be considered rural, so we end up competing with large urban centers for resources.

We are FALLING through the CRACKS due to constraints imposed by restrictive criteria based on population size and proximity to urban centers. **We need your help to deliver solutions to the McMinnville community. We appreciate your support for the City of McMinnville's Third Street Improvement Project.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Becky Simpson, Board Chair 2023-2024
McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce