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900 Court Street NE
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Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens and members of the committee,

On behalf of the City of Portland's Public Works Service Area and Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), I am writing today to express our strong support for House Bill 2170. Portland has been a leader in recognizing the impacts invasive species pose to our infrastructure, both grey and green, and has addressed these impacts with municipal policy and as an active partner with state and federal agencies. House Bill 2170 will assist the city in both coordinating with state partners and further safeguarding Portland and region's environment and infrastructure that are critical to water quality and human health.

Portland's 2020-2030 Invasive Species Strategy and Watershed Management Plan recognize the impacts of aquatic invasive species on both healthy habitats and critical grey infrastructure for water and wastewater conveyance and treatment. To that end, the City of Portland is a foundational member of the Columbia Basin Dreissenid Monitoring Program in the Portland metro area and welcomes the ability to further safeguard the state and Portland's waters, infrastructure, and associated habitats via enhanced coordination with state agencies such as the Oregon State Marine Board and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife following passage of HB 2170. Invasive aquatic organisms put critical water quality treatment infrastructure at significant risk of significantly increased maintenance costs and failure. Facilitated coordination of working agreements between municipalities and the state on watercraft inspections will serve to protect all state inland waters no matter where the inspections occur.

For these reasons and more, we encourage you to vote yes on HB 2170.

Thank you,

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