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TO: Members of the Joint Transportation Committee

FROM: Mayor Charles Rostocil – City of Hubbard, Oregon

DATE: February 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Support for House Bill 2154 – County Safety Corridor Program

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Charles Rostocil, Mayor of the City of Hubbard and I am here today to speak in support of House Bill 2154, which seeks to make the county safety corridor program a permanent part of Oregon's transportation safety strategy. This legislation is a crucial step toward reducing traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries in high-risk areas across the state.

HB 2154 allows counties to designate safety corridors where crash rates are significantly higher than average, ensuring targeted enforcement, infrastructure improvements, and increased public awareness. The City of Hubbard supports this measure for the following reasons:

- **Enhanced Traffic Safety:** By identifying high-risk highway segments and implementing structured safety measures, this bill addresses critical roadway hazards.
- **Increased Enforcement & Public Awareness:** The bill ensures clear designation of safety corridors with signage, along with increased penalties to encourage safer driving behaviors.
- **Infrastructure Improvements:** Through required community engagement and engineering enhancements, HB 2154 promotes long-term road safety investments.

We urge the Oregon Legislature to pass HB 2154 and prioritize the safety of Oregon's roadways. The City of Hubbard is committed to supporting its implementation and working with county and state officials to enhance transportation safety in our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The City of Hubbard stands ready to support the implementation of this program.