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March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Re: Support for HB 5024, POP 118

Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg, Members of the Subcommittee

For the record, I am Tim Rosener and I have the honor of serving as the Mayor of Sherwood. I'm here today on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium. The MMC, representing the mayors of twenty-four cities in the Portland Metro Area that collectively home over 1.7 million Oregonians, urge your support for the funding for the Regionally Significant Industrial Sites program provided under POP 118 of HB 5024.

Unless they are fortunate enough to be able to afford the upfront investment, local governments in Oregon have few tools to fund the key infrastructure that is required to produce "shovel-ready" industrial development sites. The structural revenue constraints of Measure 5 and Measure 50 on property tax receipts have left Metro-area cities unable to pursue worthwhile economic development opportunities that would otherwise benefit our communities and our state with high-wage, industrial jobs.

Our state has hundreds of acres of potential industrial sites. The cost to ready these sites with the necessary infrastructure for industrial use is estimated to be over \$500M. The \$10M in proposed industrial site readiness funding in POP 118, while not enough to meet the entire need, would be a meaningful step toward the investment needed to attract high-wage jobs to our cities. We also encourage the subcommittee to fund HB 2411, which would provide an additional \$40M.

The Sherwood Tonquin Employment Area is a prime example of how infrastructure investment drives economic growth. A \$3M federal earmark has enabled us to construct a new road through previously inaccessible areas, unlocking industrial land for development. This investment has already catalyzed major projects, including the construction of one million square feet of high-tech manufacturing space. This demonstrates how targeted infrastructure funding can create significant local, regional, and statewide economic impacts by fostering industrial expansion and high-wage job creation.

The MMC supports HB 5024 and POP 118 and urges your aye vote. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tim Rosener, on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayor's Consortium