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Oregon State c/o Oregon Legislative Information System

Re: Letter of Support for HB 3921 – Approval of City of Roseburg and Douglas County 2024 Ordinances that Provided for Amendments to the City's Urban Growth Boundary, the City Boundaries, and the City and County's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulations

To Whom It May Concern,

CCD Business Development Corporation (CCD) is the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration designated Economic Development District organization for Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties. Within this role, CCD supports and coordinates regional economic development activities that support the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This project will provide an opportunity for both growth and resiliency.

CCD supports HB 3921 – Approval of City of Roseburg and Douglas County 2024 ordinances that provided for amendments to the city's urban growth boundary, the city boundaries and the city and county's comprehensive plan and land use regulations.

Like other Economic Development Districts, CCD recognizes that a severe shortage of affordable housing is an impediment to local economic development objectives. We believe this opportunity will bring economic benefits to our region in the form of job retention and creation, economic recovery, and long-term resilience.

The Urban Growth Boundary Exchange is aligned with the regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) through these points:

- Housing (region-wide lack of housing and affordable housing for workforce/families)
- Workforce Development
- Business Retention and Expansion

Southwestern Oregon is an economically depressed region, as the cost of housing goes up or the lack of housing, people cannot afford to live here so they are forced to relocate. This impedes the ability of businesses to hire and retain workers and is not good for the local economy.

The lack of quality, affordable housing can exacerbate social issues such as homelessness, poor education attainment, as well as mental and physical health conditions.

Mission Statement

To encourage economic development, diversify local economies, support industry, and enhance quality of life for all in the region.

CCD appreciates all the work that was completed in preparing the City of Roseburg Urban Growth Boundary Exchange request.

CCD is requesting the approval of HB 3921 to move this opportunity forward and to the finish line.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we appreciate your support and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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