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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3062

To Whom It May Concern,

Oregon is already one of the least business-friendly states in the nation, and House Bill 3062 would only make this situation worse. The bill's provisions would add more bureaucratic red tape and increase costs for developers in a state that is already struggling with high barriers to business growth. Oregon's industrial land market is limited, and this bill would further restrict the availability of buildable land, making it even harder for businesses to expand and create new jobs. By limiting development opportunities, this bill could result in fewer spaces for industrial properties, which would drive up rental rates for existing buildings, placing a financial burden on small businesses that rely on affordable space.

The most significant consequence of this bill is the potential loss of thousands of jobs in key sectors like construction, logistics, and manufacturing. These industries provide vital employment opportunities for blue-collar workers in Oregon, and by limiting industrial development, House Bill 3062 would directly harm the job market. Fewer opportunities for expansion would lead to job cuts and business closures, exacerbating Oregon's already struggling employment growth. This would force many businesses to relocate to neighboring states like Washington and Idaho, where development is easier and more cost-effective, taking jobs and investment with them.

Additionally, local governments, already overwhelmed by the impacts of COVID-19 and remote work, would face even greater challenges in managing development processes. This added complexity would slow down decision-making, creating further delays in new construction and development.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose House Bill 3062. It would undermine Oregon's economic growth, discourage job creation, and harm small businesses—ultimately making Oregon a less attractive place for future investment and development.

Thank you for your time and consideration.