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April 4th, 2025

Re: Opposition to HB 2258

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

I write today on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium, which represents the mayors of 24 cities in the Portland Metro Area—home to more than 1.7 million Oregonians. While we appreciate the progress demonstrated in the -3 amendment to HB 2258, the MMC still has concerns with the bill.

As Mayors, we see firsthand the calamitous effects of our state's housing underproduction. And we are committed to workign together in partnership with state leaders to address the issues underlying our housing crisis. Unfortunately, this bill proposes a one-size-fits-all approach that erodes trust in local government by depriving our shared constituents public involvement in our planning decisions.

Specifically, we share the concerns of many other local governments around the rulemaking authority granted to the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Section 2, (2), of the -3 amendment reads: *"(2) The Land Conservation and Development Commission may adopt rules requiring local governments to issue a land use decision, notwithstanding any comprehensive plan or land use regulations or statewide land use planning goals, approving the development of specified residential development types on certain lots or parcels under specified conditions."*

We're concerned that the top-down solution that this bill contemplates will not mesh well with the varied needs and concerns of our diverse communities. Our civic life is best improved when our shared constituents work to craft local plans and regulations that meet community needs. Again, while we appreciate the work that has gone into this concept, we ask that you oppose HB 2258.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lacey Beaty, on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayor's Consortium