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House Committee on Rules

Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Drazen, Vice-Chair Pham, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to urge you not to support any transportation funding legislation that fails to include direct allocations for cities and counties. Local governments are on the front lines of Oregon's housing crisis, and without predictable and adequate transportation funding, their ability to support housing development is severely undermined.

Across the state, cities and counties are working to build housing that Oregonians desperately need — but they cannot do it in a vacuum. Roads, intersections, sidewalks, and utility corridors are essential to unlocking land for housing. When transportation infrastructure is not adequately funded at the local level, housing developments face significant delays or become prohibitively expensive. These are costs that communities and local economies simply cannot absorb.

In this moment, when our state is facing a dire housing shortage, we must ensure that transportation policy is aligned with housing policy. This means committing funding where it will have the most direct and immediate impact: in our cities and counties, where homes are being planned, permitted, and built.

I strongly urge the House Committee on Rules to ensure that any transportation funding package provides clear and adequate allocations for local governments. Without that, we risk undermining our shared goals for housing access, affordability, and economic resilience.

Thank you for your attention and commitment to Oregon's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Morgan Greenwood", is written over a light blue circular background.

Morgan Greenwood
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