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Transmitted via email: Sen.CourtneyNeronMisslin@oregonlegislature.gov

The Honorable Courtney Neron Misslin
Oregon State Senate – District 13
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 1585 (SB 1585)

Dear Senator Courtney Neron Misslin

On behalf of the City of King City, with a population of 5,184, we are writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 1585 (SB 1585), which improves the affordability and accessibility of infrastructure grant programs for small cities by reducing local match requirements.

Rising infrastructure costs continue to place a disproportionate burden on smaller communities like ours. At the same time, our residents rely on the same essential systems—roads, water, wastewater, and stormwater. We operate with far fewer financial resources, limited staff capacity, and smaller tax bases than larger jurisdictions. High local match requirements often make otherwise competitive grant opportunities unattainable for cities of our size.

SB 1585 represents a thoughtful and equitable approach to addressing this imbalance. By lowering match requirements for cities under 20,000 in population, this legislation ensures that scarce local dollars can be directed toward actual project delivery rather than being tied up solely to meet match thresholds. This change will allow small cities to plan responsibly, maintain critical infrastructure, and pursue projects that protect public health and safety.

For communities like ours, this bill is not about increasing grant sizes. It is about making existing programs realistically accessible. SB 1585 will help small cities remain competitive, improve long-term project readiness, and reduce delays that often occur when communities must spend years assembling sufficient matching funds.

We respectfully request your support for SB 1585 and encourage you to consider cosponsoring this important legislation. Its passage will benefit communities across Oregon and help ensure that infrastructure funding is allocated in line with real-world capacity and need.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to King City and other Oregon's local governments. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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planning, and help ensure that all communities -- regardless of size -- have meaningful access to state infrastructure funding opportunities.

Thank you for your service to Oregon and your continued support of local governments.

Sincerely,

Rachel Kazmierski

Mayor, City of King City

Steve Gearhart

Council President, City of King City

Vincent Ferraris

City Manager, City of King City