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Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for House Bill 4148 - The LOCAL Act

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Tualatin to express our strong support for House Bill 4148, the LOCAL Act (Local Option for Community Assets and Local-use). This legislation represents a crucial step forward in providing Oregon municipalities with the fiscal flexibility we need to serve our communities effectively.

As Mayor of Tualatin, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges that rigid tax revenue restrictions place on our ability to respond to evolving community needs. The LOCAL Act would provide cities like ours with essential flexibility in how we allocate locally-raised tax revenues, particularly in critical areas such as parks and transportation infrastructure.

Our parks system serves as the heart of our community, providing recreational opportunities, green space, and gathering places that enhance quality of life for all Tualatin residents. Similarly, our transportation network requires ongoing investment to maintain safety, reduce congestion, and accommodate growth. However, current restrictions often prevent us from directing resources where they are most needed at any given time. The LOCAL Act would empower us to make these decisions locally, based on the priorities and circumstances unique to Tualatin.

Local governments are closest to the people we serve. We understand our community's needs better than any distant bureaucracy can. The LOCAL Act recognizes this fundamental principle by trusting local elected officials—who are directly accountable to voters—to make informed decisions about resource allocation.

This legislation does not seek unlimited authority or freedom from oversight. Rather, it asks for reasonable flexibility to ensure that taxpayer dollars are used most effectively to address our community's highest priorities, whether that means repairing a critical transportation corridor, renovating an aging park facility, or addressing an unforeseen emergency need.

I strongly urge you to support House Bill 4148. By passing the LOCAL Act, you will be empowering communities across Oregon to serve their residents more effectively and responsively.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to Oregon.

Sincerely,

Frank Bubenik
Mayor, City of Tualatin