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Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Capital Construction Subcommittee
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for SE Carlton Water Distribution System Improvements (City of Carlton)

Senator Girod, Representative Nosse, and Committee Members,

On behalf of the City of Carlton, I respectfully request your support for \$1.8 million in state capital funding for the SE Water Distribution System Improvements project.

This investment will upsize and loop the SE distribution system to improve reliability during peak summer demand and drought conditions, and to deliver the fire flow needed to protect Yamhill/Carlton Elementary School and surrounding neighborhoods.

The project replaces undersized, aging cast-iron mains with modern piping to increase capacity, reduce breaks and service interruptions, and add redundancy through a two-part loop.

It also supports development of nearly 80 workforce-priced homes within the Urban Growth Boundary.

The total project cost is \$2.52 million. Carlton has committed a \$720,000 local match, and we are seeking state partnership to close the gap and help limit additional rate pressure on residents as we address aging infrastructure.

This project is ready to proceed upon award, and it can be phased and/or scaled based on available funding to prioritize the segments that deliver immediate fire-flow and reliability benefits.

Thank you for your consideration and for investing in critical life-safety infrastructure for Carlton.

Sincerely,

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