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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair  
Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support for SB 5701- City of Prineville Water System Improvements Project**

Dear Senator Girod, Representative Nosse, and Members of the Committee,

The City of Prineville respectfully urges your support for SB 5701 to include \$2.5 million in funding for critical water system improvements for the City of Prineville. This project includes construction of a new booster pump station serving approximately 40% of the City's residents and rehabilitation of an existing 500,000-gallon above-ground water storage reservoir.

Much of this infrastructure is aging and no longer capable of meeting current service demands or supporting planned residential growth. These improvements will significantly enhance system reliability, increase water pressure, and ensure adequate fire flows to address life and safety needs. Without these upgrades, the City risks continued strain on essential infrastructure and reduced emergency response capacity.

The project is fully prepared to move into final design and construction immediately upon receipt of funding. The City is committed to contributing \$700,000 in local funds toward the total project cost.

We respectfully request your support of SB 5701 to ensure safe, reliable water service for Prineville residents today and into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caroline Ervin".

Caroline Ervin  
City of Prineville