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Feb. 13th, 2026

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

Dear Senator Girod, Representative Nosse, and Committee:

The Cutting Edge Metals, LLC is asking for your support for our NE Gateway Alpine Ave. Street Improvement Project Phase 2 submission. As a growing manufacturing company supporting the aerospace and defense supply chain, our continued expansion depends on access to a stable, skilled workforce. Today, housing affordability is one of the primary barriers to recruitment and retention. Employees cannot commit long-term to careers in our community if they cannot afford to live here. Developing affordable housing alongside neighborhood services helps make McMinnville a place where people can work, raise families, and invest in their future. Projects like this directly support local employers by improving workforce stability, reducing turnover, and enabling the creation of long-term, family-wage jobs.

This project will construct the second half of Alpine Avenue to incentivize housing and commercial development in the northern end of the NE Gateway District as part of a revitalization effort. The first 4 blocks were completed in Phase 1. Timing is critical to support the redevelopment of a 3.5-acre opportunity site into high-density housing and mixed use commercial. This project will support increasing our density and provide more workforce and affordable housing options and vibrant commercial opportunities. To deliver on our combined efforts to increase housing stock and economic opportunities in the City of McMinnville, we must also ensure the proper infrastructure to be successful.

Thank you for your consideration of funding for this important improvement project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori Robertson', written over a horizontal line.

Lori Robertson
Owner/Founder
Cutting Edge Metals, LLC