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Members of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Oregon State Capitol
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Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

Salem Main Street Association is a group of volunteers actively working to make Downtown Salem a vibrant respite for anyone who happens to find themselves there. We encourage you to support funding for the Safe, Clean and Healthy Salem.

First it is fair compensation for the tax base loss that the city incurs due to the tax exemption that the State of Oregon enjoys on its property in our core.

Second, The fact that many state agencies still allow their employees to work from home has had a deleterious effect on many downtown businesses, restaurants in particular.

Third, This is an investment in your staff and your constituents who visit our downtown. Besides being a pilot program that could be replicated in the cities in your district. This is the kind of collaboration that benefits all residents including those who are unsheltered and /or experiencing a mental health crisis.

Thanks for taking the time to consider and for serving our State.

Sincerely,

T.J. Sullivan
Board Chair