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Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong support for SB 1586 and the effort to streamline permitting processes and unlock additional land for advanced manufacturing in Oregon.

Reforms in SB 1586 would be highly beneficial to House District 59 and the broader Central Oregon region. Too often I hear from small businesses reporting significant delays in Oregon permitting processes.

Anything we can do to shorten permitting timelines and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens will have a direct and meaningful impact on improving Oregon's climate for family wage jobs. Lengthy timelines for permit review and issuance, coupled with complex and burdensome processes, hinder projects and drive development elsewhere. Greater efficiency and predictability in the permitting system are essential if we want to remain competitive with other proactive states.

Unlocking land for advanced manufacturing is critical. The Hillsboro region is uniquely situated for semiconductors and advanced manufacturing expansion which will benefit Oregon's larger economic picture. SB 1586 will ensure Oregon is competitive in recruiting and retaining advanced manufacturing and supportive operations.

Growth in advanced manufacturing drives demand for suppliers, contractors, logistics providers, and professional services throughout Oregon. Economic expansion strengthens the state's income and property tax base and supports critical public investments in schools, infrastructure and public safety.

Economic development incentives have a proven track record of effectiveness. Incentives provide an important tool in the toolbox to attract, grow, and retain job-creating businesses as proven in House District 59. Oregon needs strategic tools to attract and retain economic development. SB 1586 is a good start to let the rest of the world know we are open for business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rep. Vikki Breese-Iverson
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