

Scott Keyser

Mayor, City of Molalla

Dear Legislators,

I write to you today in strong opposition to Senate Bill 974. This bill poses serious challenges to our city's ability to serve our residents effectively.

As Mayor of Molalla, I can tell you that our city staff is already operating at maximum capacity. Any additional demands on our resources will strain our budget and compromise our ability to provide essential services.

This change would result in:

- Increased staff hours and potential overtime costs
- More frequent Planning Commission meetings requiring additional city resources
- Greater financial burden on local taxpayers

The proposed penalty—forcing cities to pay for a developer's engineering fees if timelines are missed—will only exacerbate these challenges.

Even more concerning is the continued erosion of home rule. Representative Gamba, having sponsored

I respectfully urge you to stop SB 974 from moving forward. Our residents cannot afford the additional costs and delays this bill would impose.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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