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ATTN: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

RE: Support for SB 1564– One-time UGB expansion for City of Woodburn

The Woodburn Area Chamber of Commerce would like to express our strong support for SB 1564. **Woodburn needs more housing units to serve its existing residents and support a growing employment base. Without this necessary expansion of the UGB, Woodburn's successful track record of housing production will come to a halt and our businesses will be negatively impacted.**

SB 1564 provides a path forward for Woodburn to expand housing where it's desperately needed and is not a "supersiting" bill that waives public processes. It simply provides Woodburn with the UGB expansion it needs without the protracted timelines under the traditional process and removes the risk of lengthy appeals. The City will still be required to follow its local hearing requirements and processes under the Woodburn Comprehensive Plan and Development Ordinance for annexation and traditional development plan review prior to development.

Woodburn cannot wait another year for fixes to the traditional UGB process or other UGB expansion processes- Woodburn needs housing now and we need to stop losing employees due to the lack of housing!

Under SB 1564, the City of Woodburn has a shovel-ready project and affordable housing partners at the table NOW with a commitment to build no less than 600 housing units with a minimum of 30 percent of units meeting the affordability requirements and intent of SB 1537.

We appreciate your leadership and this opportunity to register our support.

Respectfully,

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Woodburn Area Chamber of Commerce