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Representative Julie Fahey, Chair
Representative Lily Morgan, Vice-Chair
Representative Wlnsvey Campos, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Housing

Re: Support for SB 282 A

Dear Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Morgan, Vice-Chair Campos and Members of the Committee,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC) represents the mayors of twenty-five cities in the Portland Metro Area, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians. The MMC writes to express its support for SB 282 A, which would extend the grace period for tenant nonpayment of rent and other charges accrued during the emergency period from June 30, 2021 to February 28, 2022. SB 282 passed out of the Senate Housing & Development Committee 4-1 and the Senate Floor 25-5.

This session, the MMC has been committed to addressing the housing crisis that has been amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic in MMC cities and statewide. Extending the grace period for tenants who are not able to make rent payments to February 28, 2022, creates space for federal, state and local governments to evaluate, assess, and distribute American Rescue Plan dollars to community organizations and partners that can get the relief into the hands that need it most.

At this point, guidance on how the dollars can be spent has yet to be released, but when it is, it expected to allow funding to go to help pay unpaid rent, aiding deeply indebted tenants and providing relief to landlords who have foregone rent payments for over a year in some cases.

The MMC applauds and thanks the Oregon Legislature for its work over the last year to protect and serve the tenants and landlords of our communities. SB 282 A is another step towards recovery and prosperity, and we urge the committee to support it.

Sincerely,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium