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TO: Oregon Legislature House Committee on Housing
FROM: Matt Brinkley, City of Medford Planning Director
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RE: Support for HB 4118 -1 amendment

The City of Medford has reviewed the proposed -1 amendment to HB 4118 and wishes to express support. The amendment could provide an opportunity for a diverse group of stakeholders to explore regulatory impediments to the development of residential and employment land throughout the state of Oregon.

A well-executed collaborative conversation could provide insight into the influence of our statewide land use system on land economics, housing affordability, and economic development. Ideally, the findings of this workgroup could provide a foundation for meaningful conversation about and adjustment of that system so that it will, to greatest extent possible, balance the need for urbanized land with the natural and working lands that make our state a truly unique and magnificent place.

We appreciate the amendments provided by the bill requestors and applaud their efforts to broaden the conversation over an extended period of time.