

March 29, 2025

House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Testimony in Support of House Bill 3939 – Residential Infrastructure Grant Program

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

As an engineer of the residential project in Carlton, I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3939, which would extend and expand Oregon's residential infrastructure grant program through the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD).

This bill represents a vital opportunity for small communities like Carlton to overcome one of the biggest barriers to producing much-needed housing: funding critical infrastructure. The proposed \$1.5 million allocation for Carlton's two-part water loop system will directly support development in southeast Carlton, where our project is located.

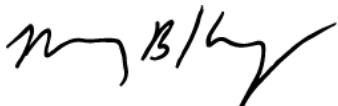
This infrastructure is essential not only to serve future housing but also to improve fire protection for the Yamhill/Carlton Elementary School and to enhance the long-term resiliency and reliability of the city's water system. These improvements are foundational to ensuring that the community can grow safely and sustainably.

In support of Carlton's broader housing strategy, I respectfully urge your support of HB 3939. It is a smart and timely investment that will help unlock new housing opportunities and support infrastructure improvements that benefit both current and future residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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