

February 4, 2024

Subject: House Bill 4134: Housing Oregon's Workforce

Chair Representative Dexter

Vice-Chair Representative Breese-Iverson

Vice-Chair Representative Gamba

I write in support of House Bill 4134 for McMinnville, Oregon. This funding is the only thing stopping a pre-approved and fully laid out housing development that is already in a public-private partnership. The housing developer is prepared to allocate 30% of the units for McMinnville's workforce residents at 130% or less AMI. The lack of infrastructure funding of \$2,000,000 worth of utility development is the only step hindering this housing project that will provide affordable homes for McMinnville's workforce.

The direct allocation of funds from this bill would jump start the currently planned development within the bill's required timeline as it is already prepared and ready to commence. If McMinnville receives this funding, we will see our teachers, social workers, medical staff, emergency personnel, and service industry residents live, thrive, and provide critical services in our wonderful, rural city.

Thank you for your consideration in allocating stop-gap infrastructure funds to McMinnville under House Bill 4134.

Sincerely,

Tracy Haas

McMinnville Affordable Housing Committee Member

McMinnville Resident