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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Chair Dexter,
Vice Chairs Breese-Iverson and Gamba,”
State of Oregon

RE: House Bill 4134

Dear Representative Elmer

I am writing in support of House Bill 4134 related to workforce housing in McMinnville Oregon.

We started and have operated Golden Valley Brewery and Restaurant since 1993, and currently have 73 employees on our payroll here in McMinnville. Affordable Housing is an everyday issue for almost all of our employees, to the point where almost 40% of our employees live in towns outside of McMinnville because they cannot find affordable housing here.

Affordable housing is also a big issue when we are trying to hire new employees coming from outside of town. Since the pandemic, we have struggled to find enough employees to staff our operations, and lack of housing only makes it more difficult.

I would also like to voice our support that the policy of 30% of new housing from this bill will be dedicated to workforce housing.

McMinnville has always struggled with having affordable housing and this bill is a great opportunity to relieve some of that challenge.

Thank you for your service and your attention to this matter.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peter Kircher
Owner
Golden Valley Brewery