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Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 3939
Submitted to the Oregon Legislature

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By Pat Hare, City Administrator City of Adair Village

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3939, which would provide crucial funding for the Adair Village Wastewater Infrastructure Project. This investment is essential for the future growth of Adair Village and the broader Benton County community, an area in critical need of additional housing.

Adair Village is currently positioned to support up to 800 new housing units, directly addressing the region's growing demand for workforce and affordable housing. Our city has already approved designs for over 300 housing units, with a builder actively moving forward on construction. Additionally, plans are in place for another 400 units to be developed in the near future. However, the single biggest obstacle to completing this housing expansion is our wastewater infrastructure. Without improvements to our wastewater system, these projects cannot proceed at the scale necessary to meet the county's urgent housing needs.

The \$4 million provided by House Bill 3939 would be a key factor in making this project viable. While Adair Village is committed to ensuring the project moves forward—with or without state funding—this investment would allow us to move ahead much faster and more effectively. If we receive this funding, we also plan to seek federal support to further strengthen our infrastructure capabilities.

Importantly, Benton County, the Adair Village City Council, and our residents fully support this project. The planned housing developments will be priced within the workforce housing range, ensuring that more families, workers, and community members have access to affordable living options. Additionally, our vision includes a downtown area with multiple apartment buildings, expanding opportunities for lower-income housing and increasing accessibility for all residents.

House Bill 3939 represents a critical opportunity for Oregon to invest in smart, responsible housing growth. By funding this wastewater infrastructure, the state will directly support the development of much-needed housing and help Benton County address its housing crisis. I urge you to support this bill and help us build a stronger, more sustainable future for Adair Village and the surrounding region.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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