

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and members of the Senate Housing and Development Committee:

My name is Larry Morgan, and I am the Government Relations and Policy Advisor for the City of Gresham, Oregon. I am writing to convey our strong support for Senate Bill 1530, specifically with the inclusion of the -3 amendments. These amendments mark a pivotal moment for our community, signifying a commitment to the betterment of our city through strategic infrastructure investments. The allocation of \$100 million to the Department of Administrative Services for infrastructure is a testament to the state's dedication to fostering resilient communities across Oregon, including Gresham.

The passage of SB 1530 with the -3 amendments is a critical step towards enhancing the quality of life in Gresham by securing the foundation of reliable and safe critical infrastructure. This investment is not merely a matter of urban development; it is a crucial pillar for public health, economic vitality, and the overall well-being of our citizens. Specifically, the allocated funds will significantly bolster our efforts to bring over 500 new housing units online in our central city area, directly addressing our urgent housing needs and furthering our goals for sustainable community development.

This legislative initiative aligns perfectly with Gresham's vision of expanding access to quality housing and stimulating economic growth. By ensuring a robust infrastructure, we are setting the stage for a thriving community where educational opportunities are enhanced, and economic activities flourish.

We appreciate the collaborative approach taken by the state of Oregon, embodying a spirit of partnership and shared commitment to the welfare of all Oregonians. The City of Gresham is eager to leverage the opportunities presented by this bill to make significant improvements to our critical infrastructure. Such advancements will not only benefit our current residents but also pave the way for future generations.

In summary, the City of Gresham wholeheartedly supports the enactment of SB 1530 with the -3 amendments. This legislation represents a key priority for our city, offering a foundation for our continued success and resilience. We are grateful for your consideration of our position and are optimistic about the profound and positive impact this bill will have on our community and the broader state of Oregon.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to contributing to the successful implementation of these much-needed infrastructure improvements.

Sincerely,

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