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February 9, 2024

Chair Jama
Vice-Chair Anderson
Senate Committee on Housing and Development
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 1537

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium represents the mayors of twenty-four cities in the Portland Metro Areas, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians.

Recognizing the severity of the housing crisis, mayors understand the housing crisis and are urgently working towards addressing the crisis in our communities while balancing community needs. The mayors of the MMC support the Governor's housing production goals to address the housing crisis and are partners in achieving those goals. The mayors believe that SB 1537 with the -4 amendment has good solutions brought through collaborative work since last session.

Recognizing that this bill is the result of several compromises and concessions, the bill is not perfect, but the efforts to solve the housing crisis in the state cannot wait until the perfect solution is created.

The mayors and their cities are your partners in government and are abundantly grateful for Governor Kotek's leadership and leadership of this committee in tackling the housing crisis and all the staff who have worked relentlessly during the interim to produce a bill with significant solutions. Please ensure that the tools included in the legislation are clear, implementable, equitable for all cities, and respectful of the work being done in planning offices around the states.

Sincerely,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium