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Representative Margaret Doherty, Chair
House Business and Labor Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2702

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee:

As the Mayor and Police Chief of Fairview, we write today to express our support for HB 2702. This legislation will clarify that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) has the authority to create and implement Alcohol Impact Areas (AIA) in Oregon. This statutory clarification will permit OLCC to move forward with the rulemaking process to create an AIA in areas within a city impacted by highly alcoholic and minimally priced liquors.

Our budgets continue to shrink. We must work together to find common sense solutions that provide tools designed to prevent alcohol related crimes. Alcohol Impact Areas provide this much needed tool that has been proven to reduce complaints to the police related to drinking in public. Reducing police calls for service in turn reduce the burden on other elements of the criminal justice system, to include the District Attorney, the Courts and Parole and Probation.

We urge your support of this important legislation.

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