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House Revenue Committee  
State of Oregon  
900 Court Street  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB2126 – Vertical Housing Development Zone Program

Dear Revenue Committee Members:

The City of Medford supports the extension of the Vertical Housing Development Zone Program as well as the definition change. This program is important to our community as well as others throughout the state.

The Vertical Housing Development Zone Program allows for continued economic development efforts. It promotes the State of Oregon's planning goals in regards to density. Additional benefits include assisting with air quality issues by keeping vehicles off streets and the Program contributes to creating a sense of place and community.

We ask you to support the extension of the Vertical Housing Development Zone Program and the definition change allowing for nonresidential use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Hoke", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John W. Hoke  
Deputy City Manager