

Patrick H. Brennan, Committee Administrator April 16, 2015  
House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development  
Oregon House of Representatives  
Salem, Oregon  
RE HB 3526

Dear Mr Brennan:

The purpose of this letter is to write in support of HB 3526 that is before the Committee. I understand the bill will authorize bonds for a grant program to benefit historic preservation and community revitalization efforts.

The City of Estacada , Oregon, of which I currently own a business and property on Broadway St. which is being revitalized by our Main Street Organization.

Estacada is dedicated to the downtown revitalization of Estacada. I

believe an opportunity to apply for matching funds will benefit our state and the Estacada community for this reason. Our community like many small towns in Oregon is struggling economically.

We have a number of buildings that need redevelopment and despite the City's urban renewal efforts funding has not been sufficient to rehabilitate and upgrade several of them so they can be useful. Private development of our historic buildings can bring a lot of employment opportunities back to small downtowns all over Oregon.

Thank you and the Committee for this opportunity to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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