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Chair Lee Beyer
Vice-Chair Fred Girod
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
Senate Business and Transportation Committee
900 State Street
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: House Bill 2938 -3 Amendment

Dear Senator Beyer,

The City of Salem opposes the -3 Amendment to House Bill 2938 (HB 2938). The -3 Amendment to HB 2938, as written, would require a legislative body of a city to annex territory subject to a petitioner-initiated proposal without referral to the ballot despite a contrary provision of the city charter.

In contrast to the -3 Amendment to HB 2938, Salem's City Charter requires voter approval of most annexations. The -3 Amendment to HB 2938 would pre-empt local authority and over ride the express will of the people of Salem, eliminating our community's ability to determine when and where to annex to the Urban Growth Boundary.

The City of Salem respectfully urges you to reject the -3 Amendment to HB 2938.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kacey Duncan
Interim City Manager

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