

February 1, 2016

Rep. Phil Barnhart, Chair  
House Committee on Revenue  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support for House Bill 4084 – Brownfield Property Tax Incentive Program**

Dear Chair Barnhart and Members of the Committee:

The members of the Oregon Brownfield Coalition listed below would like to offer their support of House Bill 4084, which authorizes local governments to provide a property tax incentive program for the remediation of brownfield sites.

This legislation can help to address the high costs of brownfield remediation that often plague redevelopment opportunities throughout our communities in Oregon. Additionally, enabling local jurisdictions to create and incentivize their own programs in a way that matches local values and community needs is critical to their long-term use and success. Although a suite of tools will be needed to address the ongoing brownfield issue in Oregon, this bill represents a very important step in expanding the solutions available to local communities.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to make our communities safer and more economically viable through brownfield cleanup and redevelopment.

Sincerely,

Associated Oregon Industries  
Association of Oregon Counties  
City of Beaverton  
City of Bend  
City of Eugene  
City of Gresham  
City of Hillsboro  
City of Medford  
City of Portland  
City of Salem  
City of Tigard  
City of Wilsonville  
Clackamas County  
Columbia Corridor Association  
League of Oregon Cities

Metro  
Multnomah County  
Northwest Environmental Business  
Council  
Oregon Business Plan  
Oregon Economic Development  
Association  
Oregon Public Ports Association  
Oregon State Building & Construction  
Trades Council  
Port of Portland  
Portland Business Alliance  
Special Districts Association of Oregon  
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