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Senator Diane Rosenbaum, Chair
Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court Street NE, HR B
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Rosenbaum and Members of the Committee:

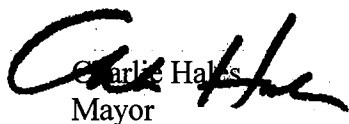
The City of Portland joins with the Legislature in congratulating the Portland Timbers for their 2015 MLS Cup Victory.

Since 1975, the Portland Timbers have captured the heart and spirit of our city, earning Portland the moniker, "Soccer City USA." The Timbers played their first Major League Soccer game on March 19, 2011, and throughout their five seasons as an MLS franchise, the Portland Timbers have sold out every single home game and cultivated the greatest fan base in sports.


The Timbers made history on December 6, 2015, when they defeated the Columbus Crew 2-1 to become Major League Soccer Champions. Following their victory, Portland City Council proclaimed January 20, 2016 to be "2015 MLS Champion Portland Timbers Soccer City USA" Day. Enclosed please find the proclamation.


The City of Portland is grateful for the partnership we share with the Portland Timbers and we commend the Legislature for recognizing their tremendous accomplishment through SCR 207.

Sincerely,


Charlie Hales
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