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Joint Committee on Ways and Means SubCommittee on Natural Resources  
Senator Lew Frederick, Co-Chair  
Representative Brad Witt, Co-Chair  
Senator Fred Girod  
Senator Kathleen Taylor  
Representative Sal Esquivel  
Representative Ken Helm  
Representative Rick Lewis  
Representative Karin Power

RE: **Department of Land Conservation and Development Budget – General Fund Grants**

Dear Senator Frederick, Representative Witt and Committee Members,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of McMinnville to request your consideration of ensuring that the Department of Land Conservation and Development General Fund Grants are well-funded, are available state-wide on a competitive basis, and not restricted to just coastal communities for planning purposes during this next budget biennium.

As you know, the budgeted allocation for these grants has decreased considerably over the past ten years even as local cities' planning needs have grown due to pressures associated with growth, economic development and affordable housing. As we all work together to protect and further enhance this great sense of place that is Oregon, it is imperative that we are able to conduct the necessary analysis and public engagement to plan for growth in our urban centers that allows for job growth, diversified housing choices, and quality of life for our residents, so that we are able to protect Oregon's resource lands. This balance of urban planning and resource land protection is unique to Oregon and is one of the reasons that we all love living in our wonderful state. However, our land-use system requires careful analysis, forecasting and evaluation to ensure that we are balancing all needs within that unique value system. Local cities are not able to achieve this analysis without partnerships with the state for technical assistance and other planning grants.

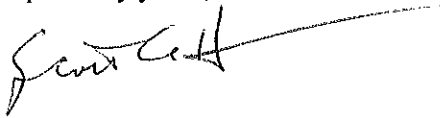
It is rumored that most, if not all, of the Department of Land Conservation and Development General Fund Grants will be directed to coastal communities for emergency preparedness training. While we appreciate the needs for coastal communities to engage in this necessary type of planning, we do not believe that it should be at the expense of all other planning needs in the State of Oregon.

In McMinnville, we have and will continue to invest in our growth management planning so that we are able to provide the necessary land supply to attract family wage jobs and provide affordable housing for

our workforce and residents. We cannot do this type of planning without partnerships with the state and the ability to apply for technical assistance grants.

As the Mayor of McMinnville, I respectfully request that you ensure that the General Fund grants for the Department of Land Conservation and Development are well-funded and are not restricted to just coastal communities in this next budget biennium.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Hill", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Hill,  
Mayor of McMinnville