From: Shelley Percey
To: SENR Exhibits

Subject: Support Senate Bill 258 and Senate Bill 114

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Dear Senators,

I urge your support for Senate Bill 258 and/or Senate Bill 114 to correct Senate Bill 1573, which took the local decision of annexation away from the local citizens.

As an Oregonian and a registered voter, I valued the rights that I use to have as a citizen to vote on annexation issues. The current policy, Senate Bill 1573, puts many communities at risk of overburdened city services such as sewer, water, emergency services, roads-transportation, and overcrowded schools. Senate Bill 258/114 will allow the public hearing and local examination of these and other potential issues before an annexation is approved.

I am a resident of Sherwood, Oregon, where recently an annexation proposal was voted down for the third time. Had this gone through, our roads, schools and community would have been negatively impacted. Our community made the decision (3 times in a row) that the annexation was not the right decision for our city. Recently, Senate Bill 1573 took the citizens rights to choose what was best for their communities away. Because of this, our community is now at risk of expansion despite the explicitly demonstrated voices of its residents.

Local residents should be the ones making those decisions through the voting process, since they are the people who will be impacted.

I hope that you will make the right decision for your Oregon citizens and vote YES on Senate Bill 258/114.

Thank you,

Michelle Percey Sherwood, Oregon

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