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Representative Ken Helm
House Committee on Energy and Environment
900 Court Street NE, Hearing Room D
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 3202

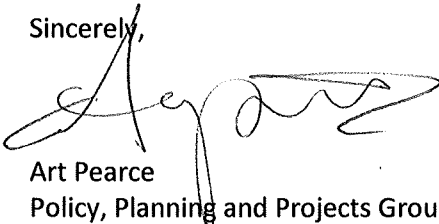
Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

The Southwest Corridor Light Rail Transit project is critically important to the Portland metropolitan region. Like past legislation, House Bill 3202 establishes a process for Metro's adoption of a Land Use Final Order (LUFO) that will enable the affected local governments and agencies to move forward with approval, siting, and construction of this project in a way that provides certainty for all parties.

The City of Portland is pleased to support HB 3202 with the -4 amendment, which makes clear that the preemption is solely and specifically for land use decisions and land use approvals. This amendment reflects the thoughtful and constructive conversations between representatives of Metro, TriMet, and affected local governments.

Many thanks for your consideration and support of the bill with this amendment.

Sincerely,



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