

# MMC

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**May 15, 2017**

Chair Beyer

Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

900 Court St. NE

Salem, OR 97031

### **RE: Support for HB 2095 A**

Dear Chair Beyer & Members of the Committee,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC) is a new organization that was started with the express purpose of bringing mayors from the Portland Metropolitan Region together to advocate on a joint agenda. We believe that our region is made stronger and our residents are better served when we can come together and speak with one voice.

In 2016 a Task Force of Mayors (including many who are members of the MMC), County Chairs, and representatives of home builders and land advocates convened and recommended the changes contained in this measure. It's not often that such a large and diverse group agrees on proposed changes to land use. We think that is because this bill gets it right.

Specifically, this measure would:

- Allow our region to consider adding modest amounts of residential land to the urban grown boundary (UGB) midway through the existing six-year urban growth cycle.
- Require that Metro revise the previous urban growth forecast in making a mid-cycle UGB addition.
- Require these residential land additions come at the request of a city.
- Limit this mid-cycle authority to no more than 1,000 acres total.
- Maintain the requirement that Metro conduct a review of urban growth every six years and keep enough land in the UGB for twenty years of growth.

We urge your support for HB 2095 A, which allows the Metro Region to more flexibly manage growth and development. We support this bill because it will allow our region to better handle urban growth, targeting areas where cities are ready and able to provide the pipes, roads, parks and other infrastructure needed to support development. This will allow our region to facilitate common-sense decisions to expand the UGB modestly onto lands that have been selected as urban reserves where and when a city is willing to provide urban services.

**We urge a "yes" vote on HB 2095 A.**