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Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
Representative Tina Kotek, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on the First Special Session of 2020
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Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB4001 (2020), SHELTER SITING BILL

Dear Co-Chair Courtney, Co-Chair Kotek, and Members of the Joint Committee:

Please accept this letter as a demonstration of the City of Medford's support for the HB4001 shelter siting concept introduced in special session under LC 45 Sections 17-25 and LC 84 Sections 9-17. Thank you for making considerations that can enable Medford homeless shelter and service providers to establish shelters under flexible provisions.

The City would also like to request further consideration of extending the new, 90-day siting provision sunset to 180 days. This would allow providers a feasible amount of time to work through the process, especially if licensed professionals to assist with design and/or inspections are needed. This would also allow additional time to secure critical funding.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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