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April 12, 2019

Senator Girod, Co-Chair  
Representative Holvey, Co-Chair  
Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
900 Court Street NE, HR E  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 5005 – Bonding for Permanent Supportive Housing and Seismic Retrofit Funding

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and Members of the Subcommittee,

The City of Portland strongly supports the following proposed General Obligation bond allocations in HB 5005 to fund Permanent Supportive Housing, seismic retrofits of schools and emergency service buildings, and ShakeAlert stations:

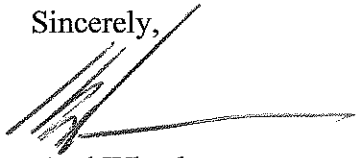
- \$50 million in Article XI-Q bonds for Permanent Supportive Housing,
- \$100 million in Article XI-N bonds for school building seismic retrofits,
- \$20 million in Article XI-M bonds for emergency service building seismic retrofits, and
- \$12 million in Article XI-Q bonds for the ShakeAlert and Wildfire Alert Seismic Stations.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is an evidence-based model that combines affordable housing with wrap-around services to stabilize and support individuals who have a disabling condition and have experienced long periods of homelessness. The City supports an increase in state funding to build new PSH units, provide operating funding, and offer housing stabilization services for tenants in PSH. In October 2017, the City and Multnomah County passed a joint resolution to create 2,000 new supportive housing units over the next ten years. Additional state funding will leverage local funds and expand needed capacity.

The Cascadia Subduction Zone poses a serious threat to Oregon. The City supports additional funding to capitalize the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program for retrofits of schools and emergency services buildings to prepare for a major seismic event. The program, created in 2005, is funded through the issuance of Article XI-N and XI-M general obligation bonds. Public service buildings can apply for funding to address the backlog of needed retrofits to bring school and emergency service facilities to a *Life Safety* standard in the event of a major earthquake. Additionally, funding and constructing the ShakeAlert early warning system will provide critical time to help Oregonians respond in the event of an earthquake.

The City of Portland respectfully urges your support for these strategic investments. Thank you for your consideration.

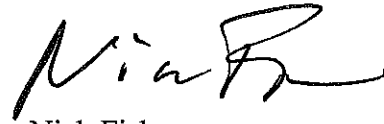
Sincerely,



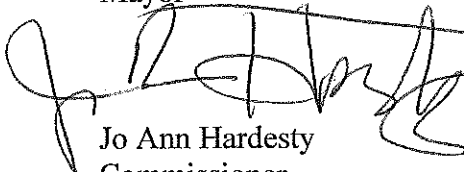
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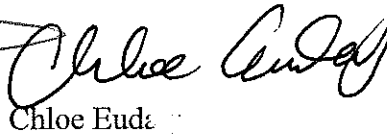
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