



May 21, 2019

Senate Committee on Revenue & Finance  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 431A-4

Chair Hass and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity afforded me recently to testify before your committee on SB 431 A – 4. The City of Fairview continues to strongly support this Bill as the best option to assure current recertification and long-term operation and maintenance of the Columbia River levees in the Portland Metro area. We urge the legislature to approve SB 431.

The stability and recertification of the levees along Fairview’s Columbia River frontage and the river frontage of our neighboring jurisdictions is critical to our residents. Approximately 25% of our population lives in the flood plain and would be directly impacted by failure of the system. They could lose the ability to obtain flood insurance if recertification is not maintained. Without an equitable financing solution for current capital improvements needs our residents will experience a financial hardship.

The Fairview City Council has and will continue to financially contribute to and invest staff resources in achieving the goals of LRC. The partners of LRC need assistance in this endeavor. We believe that these levees are of statewide value and are asking for the State Legislature to join us in our efforts by approving SB 431.

Respectively Submitted,

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City of Fairview