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Re: HB 4043 Water Pipe Preemption Legislation

To whom this concerns,

The City of Jefferson strongly opposes HB 4043 and appreciates LOC's voice in standing up for Oregon cities.

Should this bill pass, it would tie our hands by limiting our ability to provide project specific materials that would meet our exact needs in relation to cost, durability, availability, and quality. At the end of the day, it is the City that is responsible for maintaining the pipe long-term; therefore, it doesn't seem too much to ask that we would have the ability to require the use of a certain standard of materials in our City. This legislation is a serious over reach by state government that will affectively cancel the public works design standards of every City.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opposition to HB 4043.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Cook".

Sarah Cook
City Manager