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Senate President Peter Courtney, Co-Chair
Speaker of the House Tina Kotek, Co-Chair
Joint Interim Committee On The First Special Session of 2020
Oregon Legislature

Re: Support for HB 4212

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

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC) represents the mayors of 26 cities in the Portland Metro Area, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians. As mayors, the health, safety and well-being of our city residents is of the utmost importance, and we commend the Oregon Legislature for introducing legislation aimed at helping Oregonians and local governments to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We appreciated Governor Brown's enactment of Executive Order 20-16 in recognition of the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has posed to the ability of local governments to comply with public meeting laws. The MMC supports HB 4212, which would codify in statute provisions from Executive Order 20-16 ensuring that local governments can safely continue to operate and hold public meetings (virtually if necessary) during the Coronavirus crisis.

The mayors of the MMC are doing everything in our power to aid people in our cities during their time of need, and we are grateful to the Oregon Legislature for facilitating our efforts via the aforementioned legislation. Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium