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Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem OR, 97301

RE: Falls City Community Voices in Support for The Falls City Wastewater Facilities Project

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

Please see the testimony below provided by the citizens of Falls City. These statements were pulled from a community-wide survey we conducted during our 2019 visioning process. A Town Hall and several presentations about the wastewater project show widespread community support:

*"We need more housing, but that is stalled due to need for **sewer**. But we need to be kinda conservative in this building. By that I mean we need people that will add to this town not take away livability. ie: trailer park, druggies, etc."*

*"Growing a little in size in order to attract appropriate business, residents, & improvements to both commercial & residential buildings; this will require improvements in **sewer** services, for example."*

*"Better streets and new **sewer** system."*

*"To increase housing, add a new **sewage system**, increase tourism with community events and utilization of our natural resources."*

*Property value tax base, relentless stain of insufficient funds for city gov and population. (This also fosters a giving community). The future cost of **sewer** will push people out.*

“Need municipal sewer system.”

*“Codes enforcement needs to be a priority, too many travel trailers be used as house units therefore need a housing program, water and **sewer** system needs upgrades, city streets need upgrades and gravel streets need a dust abatement program to control dust during the summer months, our schools are doing OK but need additional funding for career training, our Fire Department also needs additional funding for training, protective gear, etc., our City Employees need competitive wages, benefits, and training!”*

*“Community programs for Health and Wellness, poor housing, services for Veterans, lacking funding for Public Library, streets, water and **sewer**.”*

*“**Sewer** upgrades for more housing. Keep rates affordable.”*

*“Need better street upgrades and when is the **sewer** system getting built?”*

Sincerely,

The Citizens of Falls City