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

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

The City of Portland supports the inclusion of the following allocations in SB 5534, the Lotter Bond bill:

- \$10 million to recapitalize the **Brownfield Redevelopment Fund** to support projects that center environmental justice, increase community resilience, prioritize frontline communities, and support environmental restoration and remediation.
- \$10 million to recapitalize the **Levee Grant Fund** to provide funding for planning and construction of levee improvement projects, which is an urgent need in the Portland Metropolitan Region and other leveed areas of the state. While the City is particularly interested in the levees along the Columbia River within our service area, this allocation will provide the Infrastructure Finance Authority with funding necessary to administer more grants.
- \$100 million for the **preservation and maintenance of affordable rental homes** across Oregon. This investment is critical to ensure affordable housing is maintained for future generations. The City of Portland is committed to keeping families and individuals housed and ensuring that their essential needs are met through the instability of the COVID-19 pandemic, concurrent economic crisis, and beyond.

We urge your support for the funding priorities listed above in SB 5534. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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