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**CITY OF REDMOND**  
Office of the Mayor

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House Committee on Revenue  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St., NE, Salem, OR 97301

*Submitted via email*

RE: Letter of Support – HB 3078, Related to the Oregon Enterprise Zone Program

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke and Walters, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Redmond City Council, I'm writing to encourage your support for critical bills which provide tools and encourage investment in traded sector businesses and industrial lands. Specifically, bills associated with the Enterprise Zone program (E-Zone) and House Bill 3078 (HB 3078).

Redmond is among Oregon's fastest growing cities, and one where housing prices are escalating at a pace far greater than wages, we need tools such as the Enterprise Zone to attract traded sector companies which have family wage jobs.

Redmond began using the Enterprise Zone tool in 1988. Over the years, we have assisted more than 154 companies, created more than 3400 jobs and leveraged nearly \$165 million in private investment.

We share the Enterprise Zone with the City of Sisters and Deschutes County. Any actions or approvals are completed in partnership with these governments. This collaborative and communicative decision-making structure has worked very well throughout the operation of this Enterprise Zone.

We are supportive of HB 3078.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Fitch".

Ed Fitch  
Mayor  
Redmond, Oregon