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House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for House Bill (HB) 2199

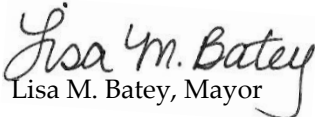
Dear Chair Bynum and Committee Members,

The Milwaukie City Council supports HB 2199, which would extend the Enterprise Zone program for ten years.

The Enterprise Zone program has, at different times, been a useful incentive for both existing businesses that seek to expand as well as for attracting new businesses. A small city like Milwaukie cannot afford to provide many more costly incentives to attract or retain businesses. To underscore the ongoing need for the Enterprise Zone program, the city is currently in discussions with Clackamas County and two businesses looking to relocate to Milwaukie using Enterprise Zone incentives.

For these reasons, we, the undersigned members of the Milwaukie City Council, support the extension of the Enterprise Zone program in HB 2199 and encourage its passage this session.

Sincerely,


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