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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

**RE: Support for HB 4134**

Dear Chair Dexter, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice-Chair Gamba, and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 4134.

This bill aims to address the housing shortage in rural Oregon communities by providing grants to cities for **shovel-ready infrastructure projects** that support the development of **workforce housing**.

Miller Springs is one of the projects identified for funding in this bill. Miller Springs is **100% construction-ready**. The project lies within our city limits on the west end of the city. The planning commission and city council approved the development's subdivision plan in 2023.

With your support for House Bill 4134, the developer can begin construction this spring. We anticipate the **public improvements will be 100% complete by the end of October**.

Miller Springs will create **161 new homes** for workers in the City of Burns with an **Area Median Income at or below 130%**.

Additionally, the value of the improvements is estimated to create **\$3,172,730 in new tax receipts** for our community over the next 20 years, plus the new jobs created from the construction of the public improvements.

I appreciate and encourage your support for HB 4134. **This bill is critical to our success** in addressing our severe workforce housing shortage.

Respectfully submitted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

*Judy Erwin*

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