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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**.

Miller Springs has been reviewed by the board **the Regional Rural Revitalization (R3) Strategies Consortium**, which I chair. It is eligible for a grant of **\$3,220,000** (\$20,000 per home) to build **161 new homes** for workers in the City of Burns with an **Area Median Income at or below 130%**.

We are committed to working with the developer to expeditiously award the contracts for these public improvements so that **new homes can begin construction this summer**.

We appreciate and encourage your support for HB 4134.

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[Heather L. Smith \(Feb 5, 2024 17:31 PST\)](#)

Heather Smith
R3 Board Chair



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