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Housing and Homelessness Committee Oregon State House of Representatives 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of HB 4134 due to the dire need for workforce housing in Yamhill County and the meaningful impact that the targeted support from this bill would ensure.

I serve as the development director for Yamhill County's only advocacy center and emergency shelter serving survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Every day our team of confidential advocates help survivors navigate the many barriers they face to establishing lives free of violence. The most frequent and daunting obstacle faced by our clients is securing affordable housing. As I have served on the city of McMinnville's Affordable Housing Committee and Planning Commission, I witness the dire need for workforce housing across many sectors of our community as well.

I support the important and thoughtful contributions of Representative Elmer and the targeted infrastructure funding included in HB 4134 to address the burden of paralyzing housing costs faced by Yamhill County's workforce. The bill is thoughtfully written to ensure that over 1,000 workforce housing units are delivered in a timely manner.

Please vote in favor of this bill. Our community is depending on you.

Sincerely,

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