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House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Chair Helm, Co-Vice Chairs Hartman and Owens and Committee members:

On behalf of the City of Stayton, I am writing to express support of HB 4128 -3 and specifically the funding allocated for the City of Stayton. The City has an immediate need for sewer capacity upgrades to address both existing and future capacity issues. There are three projects that must be completed to allow for new residential development throughout the city: Ida Street sanitary sewer pipe up-sizing, Mill Creek Force Main Extension, and Gardner Pump Station removal.

The existing Ida Street sanitary sewer pipe is undersized and cannot properly handle existing sewer flows and is projected to overflow manholes during 5-year storm events. The City is currently working to upsize the existing Ida Street sanitary sewer line, having completed the first phase and designing the second phase with the hope of completing construction, funds pending, within the next year or two.

The Mill Creek Force Main Extension is necessary because there are capacity issues for the sanitary sewer pipes on Jetters Way resulting in sanitary sewer surcharging into manholes and risking overflows. There are also capacity issues in the gravity main both upstream and downstream of Gardner pump station. Displacing the pump station and rerouting wastewater flows north, to the Mill Creek trunk line, would alleviate capacity issues as well as reduce long term operations and maintenance costs. Combined, these three projects will address existing sanitary sewer flow issues and allow for new development and redevelopment within the city to occur.

The estimated, and unfunded cost of the Mill Creek Force Main Extension project and the Gardner Pump Station project is \$4,177,071. With the completion of these projects, the City will no longer have capacity issues that impact the ability to approve new residential development.

- There are over 130 dwelling units that would be in the approval process today if the sewer capacity were not an issue.
- There are several mixed-use developments in our downtown area that have not submitted applications due to the sewer capacity issues.
- By completing the sewer line upsizing, we would open up the potential for approximately 400 additional dwelling units, 5 acres of greenfield development and 15 acres of re-development.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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