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Chair Maxine Dexter and Members
House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
State Capitol
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 4134, Infrastructure Funding

1000 Friends of Oregon supports HB 4134, which requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to provide grants to cities for infrastructure projects, specified in the bill, that will support housing developments in which at least 30% of the homes will be affordable to those with moderate incomes.

1000 Friends of Oregon is a statewide nonprofit organization. We have worked with Oregonians for 50 years to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choices. We have long focused on statewide land use planning Goal 10, Housing, to ensure that Oregon's cities and the state deliver diverse, affordable, and sufficient housing in every neighborhood.

The major impediment to providing the housing Oregonians need, where they need it, has been the lack of infrastructure for much of the vacant residential land inside our cities, and the lack of local capacity to finance this.

HB 4134 is a critical step forward to meet these needs. It is aimed at taking to the finish line specified infrastructure projects and the housing that depends on their completion.

We urge you to support HB 4134.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy".

Mary Kyle McCurdy
Deputy Director