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House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair's Grayber and Lewis, and member of the committee:

The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce respectfully submits this testimony in strong opposition to HB 3062. While we have joined our peers across the state in a coalition letter outlining broader concerns with this legislation, we also feel it is essential to highlight specific impacts this bill would have on our local businesses and community.

HB 3062, as currently drafted, represents an unnecessary and detrimental expansion of Oregon's land use and environmental regulatory framework. By imposing overly broad buffer zones and restrictive land use definitions around "sensitive uses," this bill would adversely affect the ability of Springfield businesses—both current and future—to efficiently operate and plan for growth.

Ongoing development is essential to Springfield's tax base and economic stability, supported by private sector commitments and public-private collaboration that drive sustained growth. However, increasing regulatory encroachments—such as those proposed in HB 3062—threaten this progress by placing constraints on development within an already scarce buildable lands inventory, slowing economic growth, and undermining Springfield's long-term investment potential.

The Springfield Chamber strongly urges this Committee to recognize the detrimental consequences HB 3062 would have on our business climate, local economy, and overall competitiveness. We respectfully ask that you oppose this bill in its entirety.

Thank you for your consideration of our community's concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Mikkelsen".

Vonnie Mikkelsen
President and CEO
Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce