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**RE: HB 4082**

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Breese Iverson and Andersen, Members of the Committee

League of Oregon Cities represents all 241 cities across Oregon, from our large, urbanized centers to small frontier towns. All of our cities are in desperate need of housing.

We are excited to see HB 4082 move forward, with new one-time expansions for manufactured housing and senior housing. Both represent key needs of Oregonians, both are vital housing types that we are short of. You have received a lot of testimony on why these housing types are so vital, I won't belabor those points, I will instead focus on why a UGB expansion is the right tool to bring these housing types.

Cities across Oregon are working to build more housing, but land supply is a major challenge for many of our cities. We can't meet our housing need with infill alone. Infill is a vital tool and it fails to meet the scale of our housing needs. We are short 100,000 housing units, without additional land we will not be able to dig ourselves out of that hole.

These expansions offer a unique tool for cities, with a willing landowner and a waiting developer who want to meet the need, they offer us speed in development that other tools lack. Allowing all parties to work together and thoughtfully plan out what their community needs.

And these are not slap dash one-time unplanned bump outs of our UGBs, cities advocated heavily in the base statute and continue to work to ensure that there are vital complete communities that have neighborhood serving commercial and parks, are walkable and feed into existing infrastructure and resources. As we expand, we must ensure that these are extension of our cities and our communities, not siloed or sectioned off.

Additionally, we hope that this committee will pass this bill in conjunction with HB 4035, which addresses some of the challenges in the original SB 1537 process and criteria. These bills play off each other and passed together will have the greatest impact on our housing supply.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

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