



## Board of Commissioners

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February 5, 2025

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
221 Dirksen Senate Office  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
Building 531 Hart Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley,

We strongly support for the City of Klamath Falls' Workforce Housing Infrastructure project. This initiative is crucial for addressing the significant workforce housing challenges that our community has been grappling with for many years.

The proposed project aims to build essential city water infrastructure, and a wastewater lift station, which are critical components for the development of hundreds of new workforce housing units. Over the next 20 years, Klamath Falls will need to build several hundred housing units to support the growing population and economy. This construction of water infrastructure will spur the creation of affordable housing options, making it possible for working families to live and thrive in Klamath Falls.

The shortage of affordable housing has been a major barrier for employers in attracting and retaining workers. By investing in this project, we can alleviate this issue and support the continued economic growth and prosperity for the community. The federal investment sought for this project will offset the high costs that the private market cannot bear, ensuring that the development of affordable housing is feasible.

This project is in the best interest of our community and its residents. It will not only provide much-needed housing but also contribute to the overall well-being and stability of Klamath Falls.

Thank you for your attention and consideration to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Andy Nichols  
Commissioner

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# KCEDA

Klamath County Economic Development Association

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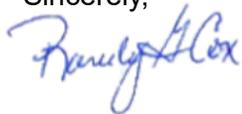
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**Randy Cox**  
CEO, KCEDA

**Klamath Housing Authority**  
**1445 Avalon St**  
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Diana Otero  
Development Director  
Klamath Housing Authority