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Dear Commissioners,

OHSU is excited to see such careful attention being paid to Portland's Central City, home to so much of our future education, research and clinical growth. There is much to be optimistic about in this plan, including the Green Loop concept, which could greatly improve the health, safety, and mobility of our current and future employees and students.

In addition to the Collaborative Life Sciences Building and our Center for Health and Healing, we are currently constructing three new buildings in South Waterfront, the Knight Cancer Research Institute, the Center for Health and Healing Two and the Gary and Christine Rood Family Pavilion. And within the next 20 to 40 years, we will likely build up to ten additional buildings to care for our patients, cure disease and educate our future workforce.

Given our size, the 2035 Central City Plan will have extensive impacts on our future growth and operations and we will have extensive impacts on the success of South Waterfront. To ensure mutual success, we are in the process of developing master plans for both our Schnitzer Campus (north of SW Porter Street) and our Commons campus (south of the Aerial Tram), based on the goals and code direction included in the proposed 2035 Central City Plan.

I wanted to come today and to let you know that we will be meeting with staff from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability in the coming months, sharing our master plan concepts. While there will be much to discuss, we are especially interested in discussing the proposed view corridors, retail requirements and "special connection" designations that are proposed in parts of South Waterfront. We are optimistic that these discussions will result in better master plans for our campuses, as well as modest amendments to the 2035 Central City Plan for your consideration during future work sessions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

Michael Harrison