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To: [Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood](#)

Re: HB2564

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The housing crisis in Portland – which reflects a housing crisis nationwide – needs strategies with which our communities can make progress toward more affordable housing. Inclusionary zoning is one of those strategies. A proven method which *allows* but does not require communities to create rules which result in win-win agreements with developers, such that more affordable housing is created in exchange for a variety of perks provided to developers.

The repeal of the ban on Inclusionary Housing should be lifted – it should never have even been put in place. But, as it was, this is an opportunity for the state to show citizens that real efforts at decreasing the problem of lack of affordable housing are on the state's agenda.