

Chair Gelser and members of the committee:

I am Cheryl Dodds of Lincoln City. I am writing to ask you to support allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

Lincoln City is in need of help for renter support for those of us who are living here now. Landlords seem to feel like they can do whatever they want with us because there are more people waiting to rent. Rent is already high here and rights for renters seem to be very limited. More affordable housing is needed desperately. Renter rights are needed even more desperately.

Inclusionary zoning can help increase housing opportunity by providing cities with an important tool to create more affordable units and diverse communities.

We must act now to increase the number of affordable units, and inclusionary zoning is an important local solution that Oregon should allow. I hope that you will support these measures, and I thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Dodds