

Chair Gelser and members of the committee:

I am Emily Schnipper of Community Alliance of Tenants from Milwaukie. I am writing to ask you to support allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

I'm an Oregon voter and a volunteer at Community Alliance of Tenants in Portland. Each week, I speak to people on our renter's rights hotline who are dealing with violations of their rights, like illegal evictions, illegal fees, and uninhabitable dwellings. It is very hard, sometimes impossible, for people to find new housing if their current housing is unlivable, due to the lack of affordable housing units here. Please support inclusionary zoning to give people more stability and options in their lives.

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,
Emily Schnipper