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Chair Gelser and members of the committee:

I am Heather Sielicki of Southeast Neighbors Association from Eugene. I am writing to ask you to support allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

Development of our community is serving the wealthy minority and middle and lower income families are getting left behind. 2,151 homeless students attended public school in Lane County last year. We have an urgent need for affordable, market rate housing solutions but no ability to provide it to residents.

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,
Heather Sielicki