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Chair Gelsner and members of the committee:

I am Whitney walker of [organization-193] from Portland. I am writing to ask you to support allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

elocate to a completely different part of Portland, to deep SE which has the highest crime rate in the city. We are now surrounded by homes that have been foreclosed on and have been taken up by squatters and transient tweakers who are involved in a series of drug & stolen goods/bicycle gangs. This is very alarming, since leaving the security of St Johns

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,
Whitney walker