

Chair Gelser and members of the committee:

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

I live in a mobile park. I am a recent college graduate. I volunteer in many capacities just to keep calm and carry on, as they say.

Two decades raising kids, working, and going to school (and graduating) has landed my family in poverty. Living with my husband, we occupy a 100 square foot home. Our community of housing is a forced economic tragedy.

33,000 (known) Portland residents displaced in 2015.

An expected 77,000 are in danger this year.

The entry level job market is flooded. Most jobs above entry require masters level or higher and/or 5+ years experience.

Wages are not high enough to meet market demands for even studio apartments.

Banks have stolen houses.

Inclusionary zoning and rent control are banned in this state.

Homecare workers are exploited left and right!

Since our elected government officials have not been willing as of yet to support the working class, then it is time that we replace our leadership.

Consider this an eviction notice for your position, unless you step up and make living, affordable!

-Alex Anderson Beaulieu

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,  
Alexandra Anderson