

Chair Gelser and Committee Members:

Thank you for your service to Oregon and for balancing such a busy short legislative session. I am writing in support of lifting the ban on inclusionary zoning. With vacancy rates among the lowest in the nation, Bend badly needs additional tools to address our housing crisis. Those who lay the blame solely on Oregon land use laws misunderstand the complexities in our housing market which is primarily demand driven and results from policy decisions rather than land supply.

While we may not always choose to use inclusionary zoning for every development, we must be able to make that decision at a local level to address our housing needs appropriately. Please support removing the current prohibition on inclusionary zoning. Many of us in Bend both in local government and our business sector are depending on this tool for improved workforce and affordable housing in order to continue to grow in a responsible way. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours,

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