

Chair Gelser and members of the committee:

I am Margaret Bax from Portland. I am writing to ask you to support allowing cities to use inclusionary zoning as a local housing solution.

Finding an affordable place to live is getting more and more difficult. Government cannot afford to build enough low cost housing and shelters to meet the growing need. Please allow local communities to use Inclusionary Zoning to ensure that some smaller, more modest apartments and houses are built without government funding. Level the playing field so that all developers build some housing that is affordable to regular families who live and work here.

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,
Margaret Bax