

January 30, 2016

House Human Services and Housing Committee  
900 Court Street, NE, Hearing Room D  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for HB 4001 (Inclusionary Zoning)

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter as support for the “inclusionary zoning” provisions of HB 4001.

Having served as an active board member of the Portland Housing Center, a 25-year-old non-profit, whose mission is education, counseling and financing homeownership for families in need of affordable and work force housing, I believe passage of this proposal will advance the serious need for such units. Every local government in Oregon seeking to address the affordable housing challenge.

While many other steps are needed to promote and facilitate affordable housing in the state, HB 4001 inclusionary zoning provisions takes one of those steps and will make a significant difference.

During my career as a public servant and a real estate developer, I have witnessed, first-hand, the shortage of affordable units of all kinds and the need for tools in Oregon which have worked elsewhere. Local modifications of zoning laws which encourage affordable housing will support collaboration among builders, developers, community organizations and home builders to tackle a serious, statewide problem.

I urge your support of HB 4001.

Sincerely,

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