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I would like to add my voice in support of House Bill 2937. My property in Multnomah County is zoned Rural Residential and at one time was zoned for farm use. While I would not be interested in adding an accessory dwelling unit on my land at this time, I feel that it should remain an option for me and my descendants in the future.

Multnomah County is in favor of permitting accessory dwellings on residential property within the city of Portland and has permitted many such units to date. I understand the city is, at this time, studying the addition of permits for accessory dwellings on residential property to house the homeless under an experimental project called "A Place for You." I don't understand why the county would not include property outside the city limits in this project. I understand almost 1000 property owners have expressed an interest in this innovative way to help solve our homeless problem. By allowing this right to be extended to owners of rural property we too could be part of the solution to this growing problem.

Allowing this permitting process would bring in much needed tax money to Multnomah County and help free up other revenue sources for other projects.

I would be in favor of the State of Oregon passing House Bill 2937 to permit the siting of accessory dwellings over the objection of Multnomah County.

I wish to remain anonymous