Dear Members of the Natural Resources W & M Committee:

I write in strong support for HB 2007A.

I've advocated for affordable housing at the state and local – Eugene, Springfield, and Lane County – levels for more than 35 years.

I also served on the City of Eugene Planning Commission for 12 years, from 1987 to 1999, and on the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission, also for 12 years, from 2000 to 2012, the last seven years as chair.

I see a natural and direct connection between land use planning and meeting our affordable housing needs.

In my opinion, HB 2007A will do more to focus our land use planning system, at the state and at the local levels, on our affordable housing needs than any other state legislation of which I am aware, since I started paying attention at the state level in 1991.

This is an important affordable housing bill. I urge your support.

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