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Dear members of the committee,

I live in Inner SE Portland and am an actively engaged citizen in local government by getting elected to and being involved heavily with my local Neighborhood Association as the Land Use and Transportation Committee Chair for Richmond representing our 12,500 residents.

I want to personally encourage you to vote emphatically in support of HB 2007.

The simple facts are these:

- **Portland will continue to grow, and quickly**
New people will need new housing. And we need a minimum of about 125,000 new units in Portland by 2035 to handle the growth.
- **If we don't house people centrally in districts like mine, then it pushes them out and that negatively impacts the region**
Increasing congestion & pollution & fighting for billions of spending to be wasted on futile highway projects. And on a bigger level that increases their carbon footprint furthering climate change.
- **Decrease in household size only further increases the need for more housing**
Household sizes are decreasing from about 2.3 per household to 1.9 by 2050 or so; meaning the 125,000 needed units mentioned above is actually starry-eyed conservative estimate. Even with a stable population we'd need to increase our housing supply by 21% to handle this change in smaller households, in raw numbers that's about 58k new units for Portland alone, and around 200k for the Portland Metro Area. Add in the increase of population and we need about 200k new units for Portland and 690k in the Portland Metro Area in the next 20 years.

We need to create housing for people to live.

We need that housing to be where people need it.

We do NOT need for Neighborhood Associations or municipalities to block that growth and put the burden on others.

We need you to vote for HB 2007 so that the Portland Metro Area and Oregon as a whole can grow responsibly and as equitably as possible.

If we build it they will come.

And if we don't build it they will still come and out price existing residents and leave them with no where to go.

Housing is one of the top challenges in the highest production hub for the state, and I hope that you support HB 2007 so that we can create the solutions we need in all the places we need it.

Thanks,
Matt Otis