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It appears to me that HB 2007 is built on a shaky foundation of false premises (lack of buildable land, shortage of market rate housing for two)! But what I find most objectionable and disingenuous is the suggestion that this will be a major driver for affordable housing! As a 25 year board member of Central City Concern (a highly respected organisation that has been providing affordable housing paired with health care and employment access counseling in the Portland metropolitan area for years) I am extremely familiar with the need for affordable housing and how it can be economically and thoughtfully developed.

HB 2007 is not the answer, it does not provide incentives for building affordable houses but rather opens the door for a statewide "land grab" entitlement for developers in the name of affordability!

I urge you to reject this bill and enlist the assistance of knowledgeable "developers" of affordable housing if you are truly sincere about pursuing that goal.

Respectfully,  
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