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Dear Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of HB2007, specifically with -6 amendments.

I support this bill because we Oregonians desperately need more housing options. The cost of housing continues to increase and the availability of housing cannot keep pace with the need. This bill helps achieve that goal by offering opportunities for private development to provide this much needed housing. In particular, the bill will:

- Prioritize building permits for affordable housing projects,
- Allowing additional dwelling units (ADUs) and duplexes in single-family neighborhoods (which has been successful at increasing housing supply in Portland and Eugene, see <https://accessorydwellings.org/2016/03/04/how-portland-became-adu-friendly/>),
- and allowing religious institutions to use their property to develop affordable housing

I support providing housing options for Oregonians of all incomes. The type of housing supported by this bill will strengthen communities where people have access to their work, school, healthcare, public amenities, and transit.

In particular, legalizing ADUs and duplexes is a great way to add smaller, discreet homes that are compatible with existing neighborhood types. ADUs and duplexes distribute burdens while providing much-needed housing in areas already served by transit and other services. HB 2007 takes significant steps to help meet Oregon's housing challenges while ensuring people have access to opportunity in connected communities.

Thank you for your support of this much-needed bill!

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Sincerely,

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