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Dear members of the committee:

I am pleased to voice my support for HB2007, specifically with -6 amendments. I support this bill because Oregonians desperately need more housing options, and costs are rising because there are not enough homes to go around. This bill helps achieve that goal in a number of ways, including:

>- Prioritizing affordable housing building permits,
>- Allowing additional dwelling units (ADUs) and duplexes in single-family neighborhoods,
>- Allowing religious institutions to use their property to develop affordable housing, and
>- Introducing higher levels of transparency in the historic designation process and closing loopholes that circumvent public participation.

I support providing housing options for Oregonians of all incomes in connected communities, where people have access to their work, school, healthcare, public amenities, and transit. In particular, legalizing ADUs and duplexes in some fashion in our neighborhoods is a great way to add smaller, discreet homes in a way that is compatible with existing neighborhoods. HB 2007 takes significant steps to help meet Oregon's housing challenges while ensuring people have access to opportunity in connected communities.

I especially want to voice my support for provisions that correct loopholes in our state's laws (which currently allow private groups of landowners to bypass City Hall, and ask the National Park Service to declare their entire neighborhood a historic site). We cannot let some neighborhoods insulate themselves from diverse and affordable housing types by mis-using the National Historic District designation to prevent infill and redevelopment. The bill would close that unintended loophole in state law.

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

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