

June 22, 2017

Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for House Bill 2007 A with the -4 amendments

Dear Co-Chair Frederick and Co-Chair Witt, and members of the Committee:

I am writing to you today on behalf of Neighborhood Partnerships. Neighborhood Partnerships is a nonprofit organization serving all areas of Oregon, concerned with the ability of all Oregonians to access opportunity. Housing opportunity is a primary focus of our work.

We believe that the changes proposed in House Bill 2007 A are an important step forward in ensuring the Oregonians have access to safe, decent, and affordable housing in communities close to employment, education, and other opportunities. We must take steps to simplify and streamline the development of housing and to balance the desires of certain communities against the greater common good. This step is an important component of a comprehensive strategy – such as that advanced by the Housing Alliance in the Housing Opportunity Agenda – to support the development and creation of affordable housing options in all Oregon communities.

Thank you for your service on behalf of Oregon, and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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