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Dear Members of House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources:

Before taking action on HB 4034 which would eliminate Section 6 of SB 1051, I ask you to consider these staggering numbers derived from a 2016 statewide study conducted by the Oregon Housing Alliance:

- In 2016, we were 98,000 affordable housing units short in the state.
- A household must earn at least \$40K+ to afford a 2 bedroom apartment at fair market rent. The median renter wage is: \$13.61 per hour.
- 1 out of 4 of all renters are paying more than 50% of their income in rent.
- Over 2 out of 3 renters with **extremely** low incomes are paying more than 50% of their income in rent.

As one of two State Chapter Leaders for the American Tiny House Association, I am stunned that the state, in the midst of this statewide housing crisis is even considering HB 4034. SB 1051[Section 6] passed last year would allow an Accessory Dwelling Unit [ADU] to be built on property that already has a residence. HB 4034 effectively removes Section 6 and, thus, this housing option for Oregonians.

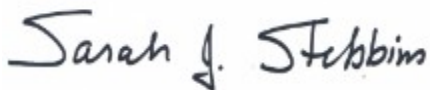
Besides providing a potential solution to the housing crisis, SB 1051 Section 6 provides these benefits:

- Increased revenues from property taxes
- Increased revenues from building permit fees
- Increased employment from construction and affiliated businesses
- Support for farm families and the agricultural industry

As a long time Oregonian who remembers well Tom McCall's progressive legislative agenda, I believe he would be deeply concerned about the plight of Oregonians today: the result of a rapidly growing population he could not envision. HB 4034 will only contribute to the number of Oregonians lacking housing security.

The American Tiny House Association-Oregon Chapter stands ready to work with you to seek solutions to this pressing problem. For now, I implore you to **vote NO on HB 4034**.

Warm Regards,



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