

To: Chair Fagan and Vice Chair Girod, and Members
of the Committee

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I represent a growing group of climate scientists and professionals that understand that we require passing legislative law to maintain a sufficient supply of affordable rentals throughout the urban areas of Oregon.

It is well documented that the most significant way to reduce carbon emissions throughout the nation, and in our State, is in the area of urban housing and community design, urban transportation, and urban renewable energy power grids.

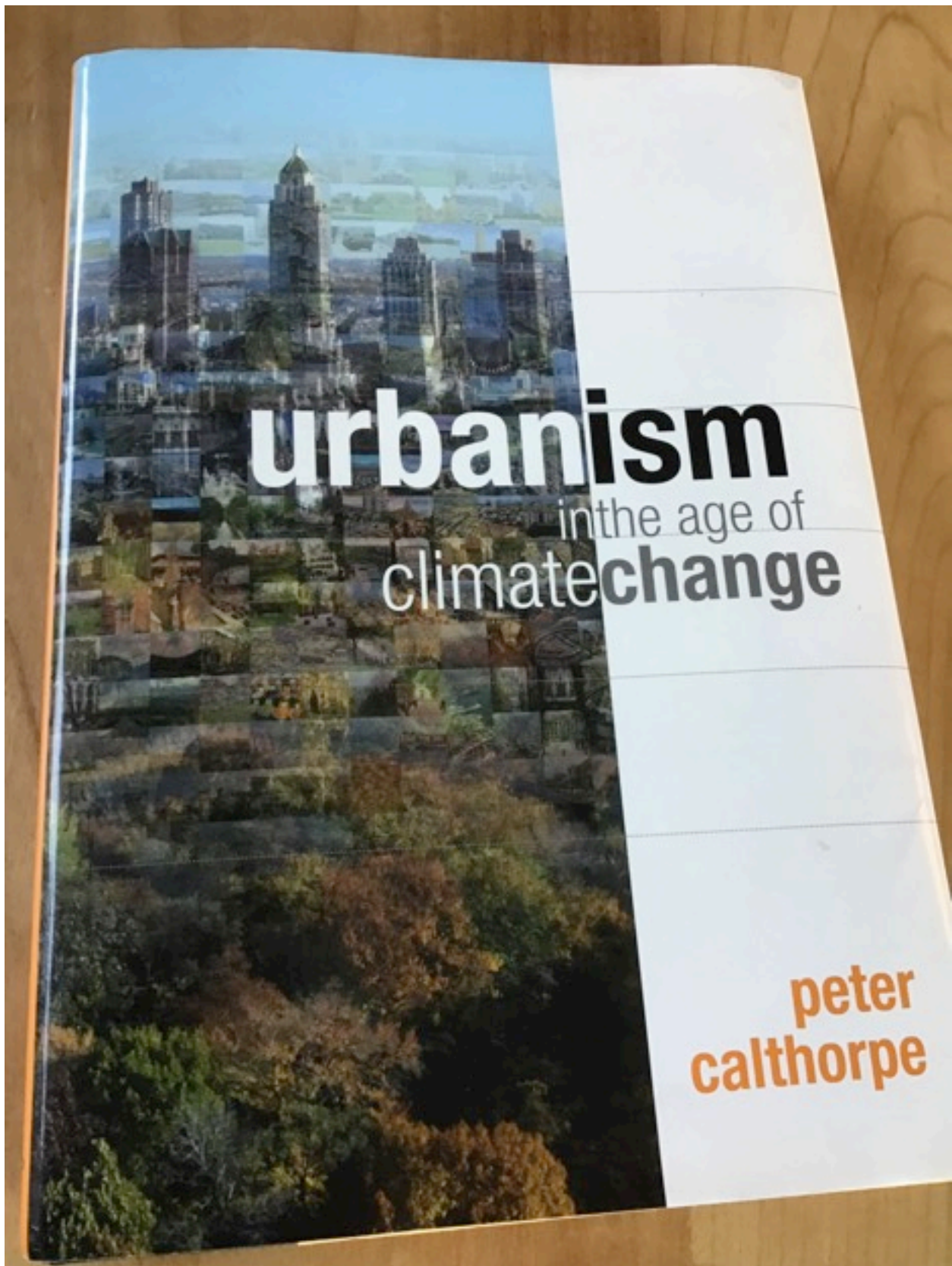
Therefore we require a YES VOTE on SB 608 in order to set parameters, so that supplies of housing in urban areas can continue to EXPAND in remodeling and reconstruction, referring to older properties (over 15 yrs.), without increasing rents over 7% + inflation costs.

Urban areas throughout Oregon are where the predominant number of jobs are located. Therefore this is where we must concentrate our efforts of increasing affordable rentals and housing, increasing renewable energy power grids, and increasing mass transit. The passage of SB 608 is essential to the fundamentals of meeting all of these goals that can mitigate the affects of climate change.

Thank you for your service as Legislators to the State of Oregon.

Attached on Page 2 of this testimony is a reference book with recent data on this subject. If you have any questions I can meet with you on how urban design and legislation is related to mitigating the affects of climate change.

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