



ROSE

community development

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House Committee on Human Services and Housing
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chairs Noble and Sanchez, Members of the Committee,

I am the Executive Director of ROSE Community Development. Our mission is to connect our community to build good homes, healthy families and neighborhood opportunities in outer southeast Portland. We believe that safe, stable housing is the foundation that Oregonians need to build their lives.

On behalf of the organization, I urge you to support HB 2001. This bill would help restore the “missing middle” of housing by relegalizing duplex, triplex, quad, and cottage cluster units. Single family zoning banning these types of units has long been used in Oregon and across to nation to exclude people of color and low-income renters from neighborhoods.

Reintroducing this “gentle density” will help provide Oregonians with more affordable housing options during this housing crisis. At ROSE, we often see families that need greater variety of housing options. Please vote yes on HB 2001.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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