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I am strongly opposed to HB 2001

No matter where you may stand on the issues this bill does not solve any homeless issues or affordable housing issues in fact the data shows it may actually harm the cause.

This is being heavily lobbied by the Developers who stand to profit and a few good hearted folks who are very bad at math and strategic long range consequence planning. Unfortunately Most Oregonians are unaware that the hard work and the sacrifices they have made in order to own and improve their homes and increase their equity is at risk of being taken from them. Even when informed of this effort to undermine the zoning laws, they find it unbelievable. Unbelievable that the basis they used to determine where to invest their life savings could just arbitrarily be changed, just taken from them.

Most folks are in fact sympathetic to one another's housing challenges, but not to the developers welfare fund. Giving tax breaks and land grabs to the developers yet adding more population to the schools, more demand for infrastructure, more maintenance to the roads can only result in taxes and the # of bonds assessed to the current homeowners to rise. Easy math. The taking of home equity, hard work, and liveability from homeowners to give to developers without solving anything doesn't make sense to anyone except the development companies that are mining the value from the neighborhoods and putting it into their pockets leaving nothing better in its place.

This bill will not solve homelessness or provide low income housing. The solution more likely lies in higher paying jobs. It would be better to invest in trade schools and apprentice programs. There are Federal funds being unclaimed to support the training of the various trades and the running of trade schools. The Building Trades are in high demand, they cannot be offshored or performed by robots, and pay high wages, plenty enough to afford a house in the Portland market. Focus on that and other creative ideas to actually solve the possibility of housing issues
Just stealing from hardworking folks to give away to developers is lazy thinking resulting in success shaming and kills the desire to work hard.
For these reasons I strongly oppose HB 2001.

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