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State of Oregon House Committee on Human Services & Housing
Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, Chair

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

I am writing to encourage you to support HB 2001. As a city councilor in Talent, I am very concerned about the housing insecurity faced by many members of our community. While this bill will not pertain to Talent because of our small population size, it will affect several cities in our valley and will positively affect housing affordability in our region generally. However, as we continue to work to improve access to affordable housing in Talent, I will pursue bringing Talent's code into compliance with this legislation through my role on the Council.

Allowing for more missing middle housing is also good planning. It will provide more options for people to find a home that meets their needs while fostering human scale density that will allow cities to use their residential land more efficiently. This bill will help us gain ground on our current deficit of 155,000 housing units that we now face. People and families need houses of different sizes, and they shouldn't have to choose between single-family homes that are either too large or too expensive and high-density apartments in locations that do not meet their needs. Allowing for diversified residential development is good for community, walkability, local economy, and efficient use of land. Please take this important step toward improving housing options by supporting HB 2001.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Clark".

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