



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

The Street Trust urges strong support of HB 2001 to aid in increasing housing opportunities across the state.

The Street Trust is a non-profit membership organization working to promote and improve public transit, walking and bicycling conditions in Oregon. Our membership represents over 14,000 Oregonians dedicated to create communities where people can meet their daily transportation needs through active transportation.

Oregon is in the middle of a statewide housing crisis. As a state, we are short more than 155,000 homes, mostly for middle and low income Oregonians. Housing instability is a significant contributor to decreased access to transit - as people are unfairly priced out of their homes that are near transit and walkable neighborhoods, they must move far away from the places they work and play, increasing the number of cars on the road and therefore increasing congestion.

Today you have the opportunity to support an option for local jurisdictions to allow a variety of housing options to fit the needs of both small and large households. Oregon's housing crises is going to require dozens of solutions, and HB 2001 is one piece of that puzzle. Allowing middle housing will provide a wider variety of housing options available, keeping more people closer to where they work and recreate.

Please vote "yes" on HB 2001.

Thank you for all your hard work to make Oregon a more safe and livable place for all.

Sincerely,

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**The Street Trust**