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House Human Services and Housing Committee

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Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chair Noble and members of the House Committee on Human Services and Housing;

The Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce is deeply invested in our community's efforts to increase the affordability, diversity and availability of housing types throughout the housing spectrum. We support policies to increase and incentivize "missing middle" housing and are actively engaged in these efforts within our community. We would like to express our support, specifically for language contained in HB 2001, which would provide clarification related to "reasonable local regulations relating to siting and design" of accessory dwelling units, specifically to not include owner-occupancy requirements or additional parking requirements.

The City of Eugene was unable to comply with the provisions of SB 1051, related to accessory dwelling units due to widespread community disagreement over what were deemed as reasonable siting and design regulations. Consequently, our local Home Builders Association appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals and the Eugene Area of Chamber of Commerce, along with 1000 Friends of Oregon, AARP and several other organizations joined the Builders' efforts to expedite a resolution. While the decision has been remanded, it is our strong opinion that these provisions be standardized state-wide, as to eliminate any further misinterpretation of the legislative intent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittany Quick-Warner', written in a cursive style.

Brittany Quick-Warner

President and CEO, Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce