

Greetings-

I am writing to to submit testimony on HB 2001, as a resident of Laurelhurst and one of your constituents. Specifically, **I OPPOSE HB2001** due to the following reasons:

1. The environmental and human health impact of tearing down existing homes is substantial, including releasing toxic chemicals and particulate matter into the air, cutting down established trees, and wasting existing building materials (and then replacing them with new materials that require large expenditures of energy to manufacture).
2. There is no requirement for planning for the impact of new building and greater density on existing infrastructure such as sewers, public schools, parking, parks, and road congestion.
3. There is no requirement that new housing be affordable, and research demonstrates that affordable older homes are likely to be replaced by new expensive apartments and homes. This will have the effect of driving out existing residents in these neighborhoods.

In summary, **I OPPOSE HB2001** and would like my testimony to be considered by the Committee. You are welcome to contact me with questions regarding my testimony.

Sincerely,
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