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AARP Oregon testimony on SB 10 – Transportation Corridor Density

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TO: Senate Committee on Housing, Sen. Fagan, Chair

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AARP is pleased to endorse SB 10 and urges support of the bill to *establishes permissible density requirements within urban growth boundaries of cities within metropolitan service district or with population more than 10,000 for areas adjacent to transportation corridors and zoned to allow residential development.*

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan social change organization with a nationwide membership of nearly 38 million and 510,000 in Oregon. We work to improve quality of life for all as we age, strengthen our communities, and fight for the issues that matter to Oregon families. An important aspect of our work in Oregon is advocating for livable and age-friendly communities, including expanding housing and transportation options that meet the needs of Oregonians of all ages and abilities.

According to the *AARP 2018 Home and Communities Survey*, between 50 and 60 percent of adults ages 18-49 want to remain in their communities and homes as they age, while nearly 80 percent of adults age 50 and older indicate this same desire. Unfortunately our communities are not always designed in a way that affords people the options to be able to do so.

Finding an affordable, accessible and right-sized home in a neighborhood with great mobility and transportation options is a major barrier for successful aging in place. Housing near transit and other transportation corridors help people maintain independence and quality of life. However, it is not only older adults who need and prefer housing near transportation. Research shows that both baby boomers and millennials prefer walkable transportation-rich neighborhoods that offer a mix of housing and mobility options and are close proximity to jobs, community services, schools, shopping, entertainment, parks and other amenities.

More housing near transportation corridors not only helps create the sort of neighborhoods people actually want and need, but it also supports local economies and fosters vibrant town centers. It contributes to better use of existing transportation services and infrastructure and fosters healthier and more livable communities.

AARP believes that SB 10 is a good step towards creating neighborhoods and communities that are responsive to changing preferences and livable and thriving communities that meet the needs of people of all ages. We urge you to support SB 10.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to make our region an age-friendly and livable place for people of all ages and abilities.

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<https://www.aarp.org/research/topics/community/info-2018/2018-home-community-preference.html>

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/info-2014/livability-factsheet-density.html>

<https://www.aarp.org/ppi/info-2017/communities-are-embracing-development-near-transit.html>

<https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/ppi/2017/08/transit-oriented-development-snapshot.pdf>