

Dear Committee Members,

I urge you to Oppose SB 10 which, much like SB 2001, is another top-down, heavy-handed, overly broad attempt to fix the affordable housing crisis by eliminating a thoughtful zoning process which should be lead by citizens and their local governments.

As lawmakers, I understand you are trying your best to help Oregonians; however, I strongly urge you to reconsider how you are doing it. SB 10 will NOT increase affordable housing. In fact it will likely lead to an increase in demolitions of the smaller, typically older units that are currently affordable. Determining where more density is needed is a process that requires thoughtful planning from local experts who understand the local infrastructure including traffic and transit and current comprehensive plans. More importantly is should consider important social justices issues such as affordability and displacement.

Additionally, SB 10 removes the right of citizens to be involved and of local governments to determine what the appropriate approach is for their community. Issuing a public invite on the Friday before a Monday (with bad weather) hearing does not count as public participation.

I agree that a lot needs to be done to address Oregon's affordable housing shortage, I am not opposed to density, but SB 10 (and HB 2001) are not the way to do it. They will only make the shortage of affordable housing worse, contribute to the displacement of our vulnerable communities, and fill landfills.

Please hold additional hearings, keep the record open and oppose this butchering of Oregon's Land Use Goals and thoughtful planning process.

Sincerely,  
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