

Dear Chair Alissa Keny-Guyer,
Vice-Chairs Ron Noble and Tawna Sanchez
And Members of the Committee,

As a non-profit affordable housing professional, alongside the [Oregon Housing Alliance](#), I am absolutely in favor of HB 2001 and Speaker Kotek's resolution to remove exclusionary single-family zoning through our cities. HB 2001 will re-legalize duplexes, as well as allowing for triplexes, four-plexes, cottage clusters, and ADUs statewide. This significant and necessary change to our state's land-use policy will help to solve our housing supply shortage. Allowing for more housing options on our existing residential lands would make Oregon's cities equitable, affordable, and sustainable as we head into the future.

Without significant zoning reform, market demands will continue to force home prices and rental rates up unsustainably, further removing the option of homeownership for working Oregonians. Redevelopment of older renter-occupied homes and involuntary displacement of lower-income residents will actually be higher if zoning codes in our cities remain as they are today, as demonstrated in the [Displacement Risk and Mitigation Analysis](#) of Portland's Residential Infill Project. The added protection from the recent passage of SB 608 also protects renters at risk of displacement from zoning changes.

The State of Oregon has always been a leader in our country with regard to revolutionary land-use policy, since the days of Governor Tom McCall. We have the potential to once again the lead the nation as an inclusive, sustainable, livable, and affordable state. Allowing denser development is what will curb rising home prices, decrease our carbon footprint and ultimately create housing options for our state's growing population who are searching for housing stability. I am calling all the honorable members of this committee to please support and work to enact the bill into law!

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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