

Dear Members of the Senate Housing Committee and the House Committee on Urban Services and Housing,

After 40 years under the Supply-side philosophy, I hoped that our political leaders would be able to see that allowing investors to decide our future is misguided. Both of these bills create a carte blanche for corporate interests at the expense of our citizens. SB10 and HB2001 are beguiling in their simplicity, but as studies show, up-zoning only results in higher lot prices leading to less affordable housing. Is that your goal? Speculators, builders and developers will reap the profits at the expense of the very people you claim you hope to help. Will this be yet another example of corporate lobbying in Salem selling our citizens short?

Making more lots available for higher density housing will not translate to affordable housing. Developers know they will make more money by catering to the higher end. The result will be a further economic stratification. Have you seen what's being built in the market economy here in Portland? They are not family homes, nor are they affordable. This is what developers will give us.

There is no simple, cost-free solution for affordable housing. There isn't a "market" solution. If you truly want affordable housing, it will require collaboration among ALL the stakeholders, including those of us who live in these communities.

Sincerely,
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