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To: House Committee on Human Services and Housing
Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, Chair
Members of the Committee

Re: **HB 2001 w/ -11 amendments –Missing Middle Housing Policies – Support**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon first studied land use in 1959 and has been active since in supporting our statewide land use planning program with local implementation. We believe that Goal 1 requires open access to the land use process and that all residents have a stake in the development of their communities. **As we plan our cities and counties, we are deciding where we will all live, work, shop, play and how we’ll get there.**

The League recognizes that children are more successful in school when they have a stable place to call home and that individuals have better health outcomes when they are housed. The League has focused its advocacy this session around housing for those most in need. For this reason, we support development and preservation of more subsidized housing for very low-income households and programs such as emergency housing assistance and supportive services to keep people in their homes. We do, however, recognize the need to provide a range of housing for all and commend the Speaker for leading this important conversation.

With the -11 amendments, the League can now support this important bill. We appreciate the recognition of the issues we brought forward at the beginning of session and find that most of our issues have been addressed. Although we have a position of supporting local implementation of our statewide planning program, we believe that the extended timelines offered in the -11s provide an opportunity for local citizens to be engaged. **With the work that has been done to improve this bill, the League of Women Voters of Oregon encourages your support of HB 2001 with the -11s and send the bill with a “do pass” to Ways and Means to fund the Dept. of Land Conservation and Development and local government grants to assure the resources needed are available to implement this bill successfully.**

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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