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I am writing in support of HB2001, to re-legalize missing middle housing across Oregon. I currently live in the Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood in Portland, in a duplex (built 100 years ago when it was legal) surrounded by single family homes and small apartment buildings (also built about 100 years ago). My neighbors are economically diverse only because less expensive forms of housing were legal to build at one time. I can walk to work and to my son's school. These are all things Portland, and Oregon, say they value and want more of, for equity, diversity, and climate goals.

I grew up on in the coast in Florence, which has a shortage of workforce housing. Small plex re-legalization would help there, too! Compact development such as the kind allowed under HB2001 allows affordable housing providers' dollars to go farther, and also reduces long term infrastructure costs by up to 89% for the city over the a home built in a sprawl subdivision on the edge. (see Up For Growth report on Oregon). There is no town of any size that wouldn't benefit from allowing their citizens the option to live a less expensive, less car-dependent life.

Thank you for your time

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