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Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development
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RE: Support of HB 2001

I am writing to offer my support for HB 2001. I am a Portland resident, a small business owner, an architect, and I have lived in four quadrants of Portland, both as a renter and as a homeowner.

In reviewing both the arguments in favor and opposed to this bill, I believe HB 2001 will encourage smaller scale infill development and will go along way in the creation of affordable, equitable housing over time. This in turn, will allow for these types of dwellings closer to where people work, which will help minimize commute times and aid in reducing carbon emissions.

Moreover, this bill will encourage smaller scale dwelling units that will use less resources to build, will better suit the average household size of 2.5 people, and will continue to be located within our cities' existing urban growth boundaries, thereby reducing development pressure on our rural lands and natural areas.

More rental options will give people more choices at a lower cost. More dwelling units in single-family zoned areas will also give homeowners increased property value, and by extension individual wealth. Both of these factors combined will foster greater economic parity between middle class folks and mid to larger scale developers.

Local comprehensive plans don't go far enough and there is, simply put, too much self-interest and NIMBY views that thwart and slow down affordable housing efforts. Now is the time to enact HB 2001.

Sincere regards,

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