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Hi there,

I am extremely supportive of House Bill 2001. Improved zoning is needed to solve a few of Oregon's most pressing issues including houselessness and climate change. Without this, we will continue to fall behind and these problems will get worse.

I've seen two houses, built to maximize square footage, down the street sit on the market when everything else is selling around them. Rather than sitting empty, waiting for a family that can afford a \$1.5 million mansion in the middle of Portland, these could house four to six families at a fraction of the cost, and giving them access to good public schools. Instead, we will continue to see these houses sit empty and degrade as they are a blight on the neighborhood, bad for our planet, and built only to give developers profit.

We need to use every avenue possible to tackle climate change: Legalizing middle housing makes it far easier for Oregonians to voluntarily cut their carbon emissions. It's a perfect complement to statewide carbon pricing.

We need more middle market housing: Legalizing missing-middle makes every dollar of funding for below-market housing go further. That's why it's backed by nonprofit developers like Habitat for Humanity, PCRI and Hacienda CDC.

Please pass this bill! For the future of our state and our planet. Thank you for your work.

Thanks,

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