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Subject: Opposing amendments to HB2001 that would block middle-class housing
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Dear Co-chairs and Members of the Transportation Subcommittee and the Oregon Legislature:

Senator Kathleen Taylor's amendment would prevent middle-class housing near her wealthiest constituents. This is not a reasonable compromise, it perpetuates exclusionary zoning across Oregon. And this affects more than housing. Please consider your choice in the context of history, our land use policy is climate policy and we are in crisis now. And if leaders fail to act, the impacts will be worse for all. Our ability as a community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions depends on land use policy.

We are burning fossil fuels to get to the grocery store, to see a friend, to live. Extreme heat can flare tempers. Extreme air-conditioning will not solve these problems. Allow people and cities to have quads, triplexes, duplexes, to re-legalize the missing middle homes in Oregon. You have an opportunity to allow our cities to help prevent the worst effects of heating the planet. Please repeal exclusionary zoning. Oppose HB2001-22 and any other amendment that would block middle housing by failing to legalize it for middle-class Oregonians.

Please help Oregon adapt and thrive with your support for HB 2001.

Thank you!
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