



June 21, 2021

Senate Committee on Rules
900 Court St NE Room 453
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for Stevens Road Housing Proposal - House Bill 3318

Dear Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee:

Habitat La Pine Sunriver serves the housing needs of households in the South Deschutes County and broader La Pine Community. Our programs of providing homes to working families in the area and to perform critical home repairs to keep families in their existing homes enable us to see first-hand the salubrious effects of stable housing on family well-being.

With a mission to provide safe and affordable housing to help families experience stability and find reason to hope, we have witnessed the positive effects of secure housing on families that result in improved school performance for children, healthier living, and diminished reliance on community health, law-enforcement, and related resources. Stable housing is indeed life changing.

We join the Bend City Council in their strong support of House Bill 3318 and applaud efforts to integrate deeply affordable housing into the overall community design. This proposal allows the creation of 600-800 housing units that will promote economic stability for our local working families and for our community. We join with other community organizations in support of innovative solutions like HB 3318 to promote the development of supportive housing units, so critically needed in our region, to address a root cause of homelessness and economic insecurity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dwane Krumme".

Dwane Krumme
Executive Director