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

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

My name is James Roberts and I am a Bend resident and am involved with local government around the issues of traffic safety and housing. While I spend plenty of time walking our dogs on this piece of property I am excited by the proposal to turn this area into housing and retail. Many cities are challenged with having enough housing but Bend's problems around this issue are acute. I know several people who have been forced out of rentals and are now facing hour long commutes or have decided to move elsewhere. I know many who have given up hope of finding an affordable home and I know plenty of entities that cannot find talented employees who can afford to move here. This project would be a huge step toward equalizing Bend's housing issue and I appreciate your consideration and support of this bill.

Regards,  
James Roberts

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