

February 25th, 2021
House Committee on Housing
State Capitol Building
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for House Bill 2558

Dear Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support HB 2558 to allow for more housing near transit.

We have a housing crisis across our state. People are struggling. I'm reminded of this every day when I look outside my front window in Portland. A number of people live in cars along my street. I recently took the photo below, just outside my house. It shows a person's camper home that burned in the February ice storm; he escaped but lost many of his belongings, including his cat.

I understand that allowing more housing near transit will not fix all our housing issues. But it's an important step! Thank you for supporting this and other legislation to help address our housing crisis.

Sincerely,

Matt Kelly
Portland, Oregon



Burned home, February 13, 2021, on SE 26th Avenue, Portland