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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3162

Working to promote housing stability is a worthwhile goal. However, at least part of this bill will not help.

This bill would currently exempt just Portland from state limits on rent control. This will encourage sprawl by moving development to the cities that surround Portland. If you ultimately decide allowing rent control is the best way to give Portland voters what they want without harming the rest of the state, please increase the population needed to be exempt from rent control to 500,000 so no other cities in Oregon are dragged into the Portland net in a few years.