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Representative Maxine Dexter Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness 900 Court St NE, H-283 Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for House Bill 2001

Dear Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee:

Wishcamper Development Partners offers its support of House Bill 2001. The bill addresses our long-term housing production challenges by offering support to local jurisdictions to help the jurisdictions meet quantifiable and objective production goals. This bill will provide a framework that could guide future housing policy in Oregon for years to come. As a native Oregonian, I am proud of the bi-partisan process and support of HB 2001.

We also hope the passage of this bill will be followed by a conversation about ways in which the Legislature can immediately boost production of affordable housing by supporting the broadening an affordable housing property tax exemption and updating the antiquated Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit into a more modern and useful funding tool for affordable housing production.

Sincerely,

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