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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB847

Chair Jama and members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Homelessness: I strongly support HB 847. This bill will accomplish a lot to help the houseless get into housing, and help those in rental housing stay housed.

The bill allows small SROs in all residential zones. It also allows more types of residential care facilities in residential zones.

It allows more residential use of commercially zoned land, which is often an acceptable place for housing as well.

It supports construction of "middle-income housing" by limiting appeals by people outside the immediate area.

It extends the sunset for the streamlined emergency shelter siting. It exempts projects that are at least 60% low-income from prevailing-wage regulations, and removes limitations on condos and plat subdivisions. I also support allowing "point-access" residential buildings in the state building code, which I understand may be added to this bill.

All of these elements help more housing to be realized, for people in Oregon, across the spectrum of affordability.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

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