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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB977

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Senator Kayse Jama
Chair, Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for SB 977-1

Dear Chair Jama and Members of the Committee:

Mixed-use buildings promote walkable and vibrant urban areas by integrating commercial uses into primarily residential areas. This is how many main streets developed historically and is now a significant element of long-term planning efforts in Portland and elsewhere. Mixed-use areas are much loved features of many neighborhoods and communities across the state. Expanding the current exemption from prevailing wage requirements for affordable housing to apply to the affordable housing portion of mixed-use projects will align the affordable housing exemption to broader public goals and will further expand affordable housing's ability to promote strong, vibrant, climate-friendly communities. Please pass SB 977-1.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alec Lawrence