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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

I'm writing in strong support of SB 1537.

SB 1537 has tremendous potential to urgently and effectively tackle our housing crisis with impactful policies that boost affordable and middle housing production - the housing Oregonians need most, now.

In particular, I strongly support the critical and much-needed infrastructure funding and financing programs and tools for affordable and middle housing in SB 1537.

It's important to me and the Central Oregon community that this region manages our rapid growth well and with intention. UGBs and our land use laws are vital to ensuring that happens; they are at the heart of Central Oregon's livability. So I also urge you to support amending SB 1537 to remove the large UGB expansion provisions (sections 48-54)

With these amendments, this bill will dramatically increase housing quantity, choice, and affordability in every Oregon community - without eroding our livability, human health, and environment.

Please support amending SB 1537 to remove the large, expedited urban growth expansions, and once amended, please vote to pass this important legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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