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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

Please SUPPORT SB 1537!

I am and have been the North Plains Planning Commission Chairperson since 2001 and was involved in our last UGB expansion. We have followed our State Guidelines for our UGB expansion and now we need your help.

Oregonians need bold action to solve our housing crisis this Session. Continuing along the path we are on will only reinforce inequities in our system and make our housing backlog worse. We must reframe our system with urgency and a bold approach to meeting housing needs, which includes finally addressing the land constraints that drive up the cost of housing. SB 1537 would do just that and proposes one of the strongest requirements for affordable housing production in the United States. The bill also seeks to eliminate many of the barriers homebuilders face every day and provide oversight to make sure that our housing laws are being followed at the local level. These are all important changes that will help Oregon overcome its housing crisis.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support SB 1537 this Session.