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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members,

As a resident of Bend, I am asking you to support HB 2138-1.

Building more affordable housing types in more neighborhoods means:

More people and families can live closer to schools, jobs, and parks.

This would better enable teachers, utility workers, medical technicians, and others can live in the communities they serve, near their place of work.

Our older citizens can live in close-knit neighborhoods, keeping support close.

As Oregon's groundbreaking housing legislation has rolled out to allow middle income housing in most neighborhoods, some barriers to development have remained in place. HB 2138-1 will remove or modify those hurdles, allowing more infill and middle-income housing in every neighborhood.

When people don't have to drive as far or as often because the stores and services, they need are closer, it's a triple win: for people's pocketbooks, for their daily sanity, and for the stability of our climate.

Please help address our affordable housing shortage with the effective approaches included in this bill and pass HB 2138-1. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joseph Craig