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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

Hello,

I support House Bill 2138, which I believe will positively affect Oregon's housing shortage by legalizing more housing across the state with land already available in our cities and towns, and by cutting red tape that prevents families from choosing homes that allow them to live affordably in their own communities. This bill will make it easier to build 'middle housing'; duplexes, ADUs, and other types of housing that are good opportunities for first-time home buyers, and are simply options that meet different people where they are in their housing needs.

I also believe that the development restrictions imposed by National Register Historic Districts should be eased or removed. Cities are growing, organic communities that change over time, not museums to keep structures preserved in amber. It's important to balance the preservation of important architecture with a robust plan to build new housing.

Thank you.