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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.

I support this bill because building more affordable housing types in more neighborhoods means more people and families can live closer to schools, jobs, and parks. Teachers, utility workers, medical technicians, and others can live in the communities they serve, near their place of work. Older residents can live in close-knit neighbors, keeping support close.

As Oregon's groundbreaking housing legislation has rolled out to allow middle 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 housing in every neighborhood. When people don't have to drive as far or as often because the stores and services they need are close by, it's a triple win: for people's pocketbooks, for their daily sanity, and for the stability of our climate.

As a former resident of the Colorado front range, I witnessed the negative impacts of vast housing sprawl, and I don't want to see that happen in Central Oregon, or anywhere else in this beautiful state.

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,

Jodi Grossman