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On Behalf Of: Myself and Thrive Hood River
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

Greetings Chair Marsh and Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

I live in Hood River County and write to you as a Mother, a community member, and as a Thrive Hood River board member. I want to live in a community that has housing options for everyone. This would include my adult children who want to put down roots near family but cannot afford housing in Hood River. It would also include our service workers and the many community infrastructure workers who keep our local economy humming along like grocery store clerks, bank tellers, teachers and healthcare workers to name a few. People should be able to live near to where they work - it's better for communities and for the planet.

I strongly support HB 2138. This bill will unlock a variety of new homes like duplexes, triplexes, cottage clusters, and townhouses -- inside urban growth boundaries across our state. This is sensible development in an appropriate land use zone - it will provide more housing opportunity while protecting our farmland and forestlands. I urge you to pass this bill.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Oregonians and for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Regards,
Carrie Thomas