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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB974

To the members of the Senate Housing Committee -

I'm writing in strong support of SB-974-1. The financial impact of Oregon cities' current appeals and design reviews costs both time and money -- costs that are ultimately passed on to the homebuyers, further exacerbating Oregon's affordable housing crisis. 45 days is a reasonable decision timeframe, especially because our Governor has declared a state of emergency for housing in Oregon. SB 974-1 would speed up the permit review process, eliminate excessive costs associated with frivolous appeals, and allow homebuilders to bring badly need homes to market much sooner.

I urge this committee to support SB 974-1.

Thank you,

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