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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB974

Oregon's current housing approval process is excessively long and costly, often taking years and adding significant financial burdens through drawn-out reviews and frivolous appeals. SB 974-1 offers a crucial solution by streamlining approvals within residential zones, reimbursing legal and engineering fees to deter baseless appeals, and implementing a 120-day 'shot clock' for permit approvals. By eliminating unnecessary aesthetic design reviews and bureaucratic hurdles, this bill will significantly accelerate homebuilding and lower costs. This measure is essential to address Oregon's housing crisis and make housing more accessible for all. I urge the committee to pass SB 974-1. Yours in service, Chris Piper